

**PRAYING FOR GOD'S WILL**  
**COLOSSIANS 1:9-14**  
**10-6-24**

**I. CONTEXT**

**A. Paul never visited Colossae**

**B. Colossae was infiltrated by syncretism**

~ Syncretism = the merging of pagan and Christian beliefs

**II. ASK – BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WILL (v.9)**

**A. What is God's will?**

1. God's will is what He desires most for our lives
2. God's will is revealed in His word
3. God's will is that we would live holy and sanctified lives

**B. How do I grow in God's will?**

1. Be filled – Passive  
~ We don't fill our selves...God fills us
2. Be filled – Complete with ongoing results  
~ The ongoing results = our sanctification

**III. WHY DOES PAUL PRAY THIS FOR THE CHURCH? (v.10)**

**A. So they will WALK WORTHY**

1. Worthy = "in proportional weight to..."  
~ This is a desire for their lives to be Christlike
2. This worthy walk pleases God

*Romans 12:1 - "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."*

**B. A Worthy Walk...Bears fruit**

*Mark 4:8 - "And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."*

**C. A Worthy Walk...Increases in the knowledge of God**

**D. A Worthy Walk...Is Strengthened**

**E. A Worthy Walk...Is Thankful**

## **COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Why is it important for us to have an accurate understanding of God's will?
3. Why does our desire to know God's will so often become self-centered? How do we combat this?
4. Why is it important for us to pray for a "worthy walk"? What are some specific things that distract us from walking "worthy"?
5. Does knowing that the way we walk pleases God encourage you to live differently? How so?
6. How often do we pray and thank God for saving us? Why would this be an important thing to include in our regular prayer times?
7. What is one thing from the message or the group this week that you want to live out? How can the group be praying for you to accomplish that?

## **PRAY OVER OUR CHURCH**

- Pray that our church would be motivated to live out God's will for us here on this earth.
- Pray that as a church we would walk worthy in our jobs, our communities, our families, and even at church.
- Pray that our church would please God because we are walking worthy.
- Pray we would bear fruit, increase in knowledge of God, be strengthened, and thankful for God's great salvation.