

Praying for the Right Things

Ephesians 1:15-19

I. Introduction

II. Thanksgiving and Praise are Prompted by Faith and Love. vv. 15-16a

- A. Do you give thanks for the brethren? v. 16a (1 Thess. 5:17-18, Acts 20:31, Phil. 4:6)**
- B. Do you see faith and love in the brethren? v. 15 (1 John 3:14, 17-18, 4:12; Gal. 6:10)**

III. Intercessory Prayer for Spiritual Illumination vv. 16b-17

- A. Do you make intercession on behalf of others to the Father of glory? v. 16b-17a (Eph. 6:18, Col. 4:12, Rom. 15:30)**
- B. Have you been given a spirit of wisdom and knowledge of Him? v. 17b (1 Cor. 1:30; 1 Cor. 2:4, 8-10; Ps. 119:18; Col. 1:9)**

IV. Intercessory Prayer for Enlightened Hearts to Fathom our Spiritual Riches v. 18-19a

- A. Do you pray for a deeper understanding of God's ways? v. 18a**
- B. Do you pray that you would understand (fathom) the hope of His calling? 18b (4:1, 4; Rom. 8:24-25; 1 Pet. 5:10)**
- C. That you would understand the riches of the glory of His inheritance v. 18c (3:8, 16)**
- D. That you would understand the surpassing greatness of His power v. 19a (Acts 26:18)**

V. Conclusion / Application