

PRAYER

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Colossians 4:2

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

Are our senior years a bore or a blessing?

Are we growing old or growing up?

Can our losses be turned into gains?

Can worry add a single hour to our lives

Are we growing old gracefully and positively,

or grumpily and negatively?

Are we at the beginning of the end,

Can worry add a single hour to our lives

Are we growing old gracefully and positively,

or grumpily and negatively?

Are we at the beginning of the end,

or at the end of the beginning?

AS LONG AS I LIVE

THOUGHTS ON
GROWING OLDER

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Colossians 1:9-14

1. The Will Of God

2. The Walk For God

3. The Wealth From God

I. The Will Of God (9)

1. Filled

Ephesians 3:14-19

Colossians 1:28

Colossians 2:6-7

I. The Will Of God (9)

2. Knowledge

Philippians 3:10

I. The Will Of God (9)

3. His Will

Colossians 4:12

Ephesians 5:17

I. The Will Of God (9)

4. With Wisdom & Understanding

Colossians 1:28

Colossians 3:16

Hebrews 13:20-21

II. The Walk For God (10-11)

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity (II Peter 3:18)

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called (Ephesians 4:1)

A. Bearing Fruit (10)

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10)

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. (John 15:8)

B. Growing In Knowledge (10)

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.
(Philippians 3:8)

Philippians 1:9-11

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

C. Strengthened With All Power (11)

But as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love;
(II Corinthians 6:4-6)

D. Joyfully Giving Thanks (12-13)

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

(I Thessalonians 5:18)

Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Ephesians 5:20)

III. The Wealth From God (12-14)

A. Qualified To Receive An Inheritance

Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints (Ephesians 1:18)

B. Liberated Into God's Kingdom

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (I Peter 2:9)

C. Ransomed From Penalty Of Sins

And are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. (Romans 3:24-25)

Ephesians 1:16

I do not cease to give thanks for you,
remembering you in my prayers.



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STARTING WITH THE ONE WHO PRAYS