Colossians 1:9-12

9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

Job 42:1-3

42 Then Job replied to the Lord: 2 "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 3 You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.

John 17:3

3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Ephesians 1:16-20

16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

A dangerous teaching was threatening the church at Colossae. Paul wrote to warn against this false teaching and to encourage the believers in their growth toward Christian maturity.

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1. **To fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives**
    - Being fully equipped
    - Full deep understanding /Comprehension
    - Wisdom = practical knowledge
    - General/specific will
    - Through the Holy Spirit that leads and guides to all truth
2. **That you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way**
    - In keeping with who God is
3. **That you may bear fruit in every good work**
    - John 15 – we are to bear fruit
    - Fruit the outcomes or results of one's actions and character
    - Tony Evans says fruit is visible, benefits others, and reflects the tree it grows out of
    - Ephesians 2 we are to do good works
4. **That you will grow in the knowledge of God**
    - Know God experiential, not head knowledge
    - Know him better and better
5. **You be strengthened with all power according to his glorious might**
    - Ephesians the power used to raise Jesus
6. **That you may have great endurance and patience**
7. **That you give joyful thanks to the Father**
    - Gratitude
    - Joy not happiness