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# Since the day we heard it

- He had been told about:
- your faith in Christ 1:4
- Your love you have toward all the saints 1:4
- motivation (hope laid up in the heavens) 1:5
- That gospel has come to you 1:6
- You knew the grace of God in truth 1:6
- bearing fruit and increasing in you 1:6
- Your love in the Spirit. 1:8

Could Paul say that of us?

These are goals to Strive For!!!

# To Pray for You and Ask that You

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- *may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;*
- All Christians need to Know God's Will
- With all wisdom (practical applications)
- With all spiritual understanding (eyes to see spiritual realities clearly)

# To Walk Worthy of the Lord

axios properly, “bringing up the other beam of the scales,”  
“bringing into equilibrium,” and therefore “equivalent”...  
shows that two distinct magnitudes are equal (Kittel)



# Action showing Our Worthy Walk

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# Bearing Fruit in Every Good Work

- Two very important figures for a Christian
- *By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. Jn. 15:8-9*
- *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Eph. 2:10*

# Summing up the Prayer

- To **know** the will of God leads to **doing** the will of God
- **Doing** the will of God leads to **being worthy** of the Lord
- **Being worthy** of the Lord leads to being **pleasing to him**,
- being **pleasing to him** will lead us to **bear fruit in every good work.**
- **Bearing Fruit** leads to **increasing in our knowledge about Him.**

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# According to the Might of His Glory (God is going to be helping us)

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- *Now unto him that is **able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think**, according to the power that works in us, Eph. 3:20*
- *the **exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe**, according to the working of His mighty power Eph. 1:19*
- *I can do all things in him that **strengthens me**. Phil. 4:13*

# unto(*eis*) all Patience and Longsuffering

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- strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, **for** all patience and longsuffering with joy;

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- Two Words of Great Significance to us.
- This is where God's Power allows entrance
- Since they are the goal – we need to pray and work toward them.
- "*hupomeno(verb)*... 2. **to remain i.e. abide**, not recede or flee; troop. a. **to persevere**: absol. and emphatic. under misfortunes and trials to hold fast to one's faith in Christ... b. **to endure bravely, bear bravely and calmly**: absol., ill-treatment..." (Thayer, 5278)

# unto(eis) all Patience and Longsuffering

- Patience
- "*hupomone*(noun)... 1. ***steadfastness, constancy, endurance***... in the NT the characteristic of a man who is unswerved from his deliberate purpose and loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings... 2. ***a patient, steadfast waiting for***... 3. ***a patient enduring, sustaining***..." (Thayer, p. 644; 5281)

# Patience (*hupomone*)

- *knowing this, that the trying of your faith works patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. Jas 1:3-4*
- *And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation works patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: Rom 5:3*

# We need Patience when

- Just don't feel like doing this anymore!
- What is the use, just can't go on!
- Why does God ask for such hard things?
- It would be so much easier just to give up.
- God would be better off without me.
- *Cast not away therefore your boldness, which has great recompense of reward.<sup>36</sup> For you have need of **patience(hupomone)**, that, having done the will of God, you may receive the promise. Heb 10:35-36*

# Patience (*hupomone*)

- *But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with **patience**. Lk 8:15*
- *To them who by **patient** continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: Rom 2:7*
- *For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through **patience** and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Rom 15:4*

# Patience (*hupomone*)

- Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and **patience** of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; 1 Th 1:3
- And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the **patient** waiting for Christ. 2Th 3:5
- For you have need of **patience**, that, after you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise. Heb 10:36
- Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with **patience** the race that is set before us, Heb 12:1



# Patience (*hupomone*)

- *Behold, we count them happy which endure. You have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. Jas 5:11*
- *And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 2 Peter 1:6*

# unto(eis) all Patience and Longsuffering

- "*makrothumia*(noun),... [c.f. *makrothumeo*] *patience, forbearance, long-suffering, slowness in avenging wrongs...* the self-restraint which does not hastily retaliate a wrong. ..." (Thayer, p. 387; 3115)
- *makrothumia* "forbearance, patience, longsuffering" (**makros**, "long," **thumos**, "temper"), is usually rendered longsuffering," (Vine's)

# unto(eis) all Patience and Longsuffering

- Longsuffering
- “*makrothumeo(Verb)... to be of a long spirit, not to lose heart; hence 2. to be patient in bearing the offenses and injuries of others; to be mild and slow in avenging; to be long-suffering, slow to anger, slow to punish...*”  
(Thayer, Joseph Henry, op. cit., p. 387).

# all Patience and Longsuffering

- We may proceed now to distinguish between these; and this distinction, I believe, will hold good wherever the words occur; namely, that *makrothumia* will be found **to express patience in respect of persons, *hupomone*, in respect of things**. The man *makrothume*, who, having to do with injurious persons, does not suffer himself easily to be provoked by them, or to blaze up into anger (2Tim 4:2). The man *hupomone*, who, under a great siege of trials, bears up, and does not lose heart or courage (Rom 5:3; 2Cor 1:6;...)” (Trench, Synonyms of the N.T p 198)

# Longsuffering (*makrothumeo*)

- *Or despise thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and **longsuffering**; not knowing that the goodness of God leads thee to repentance? Rom 2:4*
- *What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much **longsuffering** the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: Rom 9:22*
- *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **longsuffering**, gentleness, goodness, faith, Gal 5:22*
- *With all lowliness and meekness, with **longsuffering**, forbearing one another in love; Eph 4:2*

# Longsuffering (*makrothumeo*)

- *Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting. 1 Tim 1:16*
- *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 2 Tim 4:2*
- *That you be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Heb 6:12*

# Longsuffering (*makrothumeo*)

- Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. 1 Peter 3:20
- And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him has written unto you; 2 Peter 3:15

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# With Joy

- These is not an onerous or difficult things.
- They are not duties or obligations.
- They are blessings
- Things that will bring honor and praise
- They will bring success and happiness.
- We should feel great joy and happiness when we find something new to work on.
- Is this all God wants in return for redemption? What a blessing!!!

# Giving Thanks

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- *with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.*
- The prayer ends with gratitude and praise to God for all that he has done.
- He wants so little in return for our creation, scheme of redemption, and the precious future He has promised.