

# Prayer and Potential

Colossians 1:9-14



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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. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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# Paul prays for ...

- Discernment
- So they would live a worthy life
  - To please God
  - To bear fruit
  - To grow in the knowledge of God
  - So they would have endurance and patience
  - To have joy and thankfulness
- Power to live that life
- They would share in the inheritance



# Paul sees potential in them ...

- More than they do
- Something not there yet
- Needs time to grow
- There are likely to be failures on the way



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