

## “PURSUING YOUR POTENTIAL IN MINISTRY & MATURITY”

### “GROW UP & GET TO WORK!”

#### Part 2: Paul’s Intercession (Eph. 1:15-23)

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**REVIEW/INTRO:** Last Sunday we began a series on the book of Ephesians. Challenge: Read Ephesians (6 chapters long) once a week during this series! Let’s explore Paul’s Intercession for the believers (1:15-23). This is an inspired, anointed prayer we can pray for ourselves, our loved ones, and our church family! Do it for the next 30 days!

#### **I. PAUL’S COMMITMENT TO PRAY FOR OTHER BELIEVERS (vv. 15-16).**

- A. Paul regularly prayed for these believers (vv. 15-16).
  - 1. What are others hearing about your faith and love?
  - 2. Do you regularly pray for other believers?
- B. Paul didn’t cease to give God thanks for these believers.
  - 1. Do you regularly give God thanks for other believers?
- C. Paul makes mention of these believers regularly in his prayers.
  - 1. Not all praying has to be long in duration!
  - 2. Don’t underestimate consistent brief prayers!
  - 3. Who do you regularly make mention of in prayer?

#### **II. THE CONTENT OF PAUL’S PRAYER (vv. 17-23).**

- A. That God will give you the spirit of wisdom (v. 17a).
- B. That God will give you revelation in the knowledge of Him (v. 17b).
- C. That God will enlighten the eyes of your understanding (v. 18a) –  
THAT YOU WILL KNOW EXPERIENTIALLY:
  - 1. The hope of His calling (v. 18b).
  - 2. The riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints (v. 18c; Rom. 8:16-17).
  - 3. The greatness of His power toward you (v. 19a).
    - a. The power that raised Christ from the dead (19-20).
    - b. The power that positioned Christ in heaven (v. 20b).
    - c. The power that restored Christ’s full authority (21).
    - d. The power that made Christ the head of the church and made the church His body (vv. 22b-23).