

Colossians 1:9-10

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

We tend to pray more for peoples physical needs rather than their spiritual needs. Even when we ask for pray, we tend to ask more for our physical needs rather than our spiritual needs.

Don't we ask for prayer for healing? – Physical need

Don't we as for prayer for our finances? – Physical need

Don't we as for pray in our relationships? – Physical need

Don't we ask for prayer in regards to our jobs? – Physical need

Sure, we all have physical needs that we pray about or ask others to pray about for us.

But, when was the last time you asked for prayer or prayed for

God's guidance in ministry – Spiritual need

Prayer in regards to a sin that you are struggling with? – Spiritual need

Prayer to get closer to God? – Spiritual need

Have you ever asked others to pray for you to grow closer to God and Jesus? – Spiritual need

Look at today's verses and ask yourself, have I been asking for prayer for, or have I been praying for others in regards to these Spiritual things?

“that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God”

I know even in my prayer time, I neglect the spiritual things when I am in prayer for others and myself. In fact, how many times have you even thought about praying to ***“be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God”***

Yet we all need these spiritual things, even more so then the physical things we pray for. When we ask for prayer for physical needs, we are asking for the here and now, and not in regards to our eternity. Yet we seem to put so much focus on the here and now, that we forget about our eternity after we leave this earth and go to heaven.

Even for the lost, they ask for prayer for their physical needs, and we do pray for them. But shouldn't we be praying for that, more important Spiritual need that they don't realize that they need, which is more important than the physical needs? Sure, you can pray for a lost person's need for food, clothing, a home, a job, about the relationship they are in, etc. But that will not affect their eternity one bit, it will not lead them to Jesus, it will just make them "feel" comfortable with the sinful life they are living. Maybe it's time to pray for them to feel less comfortable with this life and realize that there is a eternity after leaving this earth, and the realization of where they are heading without Jesus Christ.

Resurrection (Easter) day is a little over a week away, why not spend the next week praying for the spiritual needs of those that you know need Jesus and their salvation. Because, what good would a last Easter dinner be to a lost soul who is heading straight for hell?

- † *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12*
- † *Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matthew 26:41*
- † *It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. John 6:63*