

INTRODUCTION

- I. THE APOSTLE PAUL EXPRESSES THAT THE WALK OF A BELIEVER IS AFFECTED BY A FULL EXPERIENTIAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WILL. Col. 1:10-13
 - A. The word for "worthy" is axios which is an adverb used in Scripture to note "**that which is suitably, in a manner proper to.**" -- Friberg lexicon.
 1. Axios is used of that which **matches up to a standard or expectation.** Cf. Rom. 16:2 (of saints)
 2. The adverb "worthy" is used with peripateo several times in the New Testament. 1st Thess. 2:12 (the basis of Paul's exhortation to the Thessalonians); Eph. 4:1 (the basis of Paul's entreaty to the Ephesians)
 - B. The results of a "worthy walk is "pleasing".
 1. "Pleasing" (areskeia) is **to operate in a way that brings satisfaction to the one whom one is representing.** Cf. John 8:29 (of the Lord)
 2. Aresko is used in some contexts of doing that which is pleasing to God.
 - a) It is used with the negative to note those who don't please God.
 - (1) Those in the flesh don't have an ability to please God.
Rom. 8:8
 - (2) The Jew who fought against Paul. 1st Thess. 2:15
 - b) A center-piece of Paul's ministry was to please God, not men. 1st Thess. 2:4
- II. THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS THAT CHARACTERIZE A WALK DRIVEN BY A FULL EXPERIENTIAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WILL.
 - A. It is a walk in which one will be "being fruitful" in every good work. Vs. 10
 1. "Bearing fruit" is the word "karpophoreo" (pres. Act. part.) --
 - a) Karpos -- the product of that which grows; used literally and figuratively in Scripture. Cf. Phil. 1:22 (of Paul's labour); Gal. 5:22 (of the fruit of the Spirit); John 15:16 (of the believers bring forth as a result of connection to the vine)
 - b) Phoero -- "**when something is carried or borne regularly or for a considerable time.**" -- Friberg lexicon cf. 1st Co. 15:49 (image)
 2. "Every good work" (agathos ergon) -- those works that God has prepared for the believer that Holy Spirit leads one to accomplished.
 - a) God brings them as the believer is prepared for them. Titus 3:1; 2 Tim. 2:21
 - b) Illustrated in the office of bishop (1st Tim. 3:1); and the widow (1st Tim. 5:10)
 - c) God adjusts the believer to do His will in every good work. Heb. 13:21

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