**Prayer Focus This Week**

**Ephesians 1:15-21**

***15****Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,****16****do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:****17****that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,****18****the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,****19****and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power****20****which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,****21****far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.*

Pray with thanksgiving that God will give you (and yours):

* The spirit of wisdom & revelation in the knowledge of Him,

So that you can enjoy and fulfill:

The hope of His calling on your life,

The riches of His glory of His inheritance in the saints,

What the exceeding greatness of His power towards us.

**Exercise:**

Pray this every day this week as your first or principal prayer

****August 12th 2018**



**Walking in Freedom - 4**

**“Wisdom – the principal thing”**

Welcome

The first Sunday of the Rest (Best) of your life

2018

**Walking in Freedom – Part 5**

***Wisdom the principal thing***

**Foundational Scripture**

**Jeremiah 6:16**

*This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.*

*Our Good Shepherd leads us along these tried & tested* ***paths.***

**The Pathway of Wisdom**

*“The ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting; insight.
The sum of learning through the ages; knowledge:”*

**Recognizing ‘wisdom’ from above …,and below.**

**James 3:15-16** – wisdom from below.

**James 3:17** – wisdom from above

**Where wisdom comes from, and how to get it.**

From God’s Word enlightened by His Spirit.

 The Word is the grid, His Spirit helps apply it to your life:

**Proverbs 2:6 / 2 Timothy 3:14-15**

**? Ask ?** To get wisdom, **ask for it.**

**James 1:5-6**

**Young Solomon asks for wisdom to fulfill his calling**

**1 Kings 3:5,9, 28**

**The fruit of Solomon’s wisdom *“Impacts the world”***

**1 Kings 4:34**

*People from all nations came to hear Solomon's display of wisdom; they came from all the kings of the earth who heard about his wisdom.*

**The 7-fold Jewish Menorah**

(Crafted by Bezalel) - **Exodus 35:30-32**

May the Lord help us craft a life founded on the 7 pillars of wisdom.

**Final Take Away & Communion**

As we celebrate Communion, know that

**God’s wisdom often appears foolish to so called worldly-wise.**

**1 Corinthians 1:18**

*For the word of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but to us that are saved it is God's power.*