

For all Patience

In the presence of heresies

Colossians 1:9-14 (NKJV)

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 - **Filled** with/generously supplied with; **knowledge**: personal recognition - coming to understand something clearly and distinctly or as true and valid; often with a personal acquaintance that necessitates a positive or negative reaction.
 - **will :inclination (attitude) - an attitude of mind, especially one that favors one alternative over others.**
- **spiritual : (mature) - of or characterized by the Holy Spirit; especially of the mature, of the Christian life and its relation to the Spirit.**
- **The fruit of the Spirit**
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NKJV)
 - 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; **for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**
- Colossians 1:10 that you may walk **worthy** of the Lord, fully **pleasing** Him, **being fruitful** in every good work and increasing in the **knowledge** of God;
 - **worthy (comparable/characterized by the Holy Spirit)**
 - Philippians 1:27 (NKJV)
 - 27 Only let your **conduct be worthy** of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:12 (NKJV)
 - 12 that you would **walk worthy** of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.
 - **LN greek/English Lexicon : pertaining to having a relatively high degree of comparable merit or worth —‘worthy, comparable, of comparable value, worthily.’**
 - ἀξιοῦσα: λογίζομαι γὰρ ὅτι οὐκ ἄξια τὰ παθήματα τοῦ νῦν καιροῦ πρὸς τὴν μέλλουσαν δόξαν ἀποκαλυφθῆναι εἰς ἡμᾶς ‘for I consider that the sufferings of this era (or ‘this world’) are not worthy (or ‘are not of comparable value’) to be compared with the future glory to be revealed to us’ Romans 8:18 (NKJV)
 - 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
 - Ephesians 4:1-6 (NKJV)
 - 1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to **walk worthy of the calling with which you were called**, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of

the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;
5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

- **pleasing :satisfaction - the trait of delightfully yielding to the will of another person for their happiness.**
- **being fruitful :to produce consequences - bear fruit- to produce actions and natural consequences befitting one's nature; conceived of as a tree bearing fruit according to its kind.**
- **knowledge** - ἐπί-γνωσις, -εως, ἡ, (ἐπιγινώσκω, g. v. [cf. also Bp. Lghtft. on Col. 1:9; Trench § lxxv. ad fin.]), **precise and correct knowledge**; used in the N. T. of the knowledge of things ethical and divine: absol., Phil. 1:9; Col. 3:10; κατ' ἐπίγνωσιν, Ro. 10:2; with gen. of the thing known, Col. 1:9; 2:2; Philem. 6; τῆς ἀληθείας, 1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Tim. 2:25; 3:7; Tit. 1:1; Heb. 10:26; τῆς ἀμαρτίας, Ro. 3:20; with gen. of the person known;—of God, esp. the knowledge of his holy will and of the blessings which he has bestowed and constantly bestows on men through Christ: Eph. 1:17; Col. 1:10; 2 Pet. 1:2; of Christ, i.e. the true knowledge of Christ's nature, dignity, benefits: Eph. 4:13; 2 Pet. 1:8; 2:20; of God and Christ: 2 Pet. 1:2; θεὸν ἔχειν ἐν ἐπιγνώσει, i.e. to keep the knowledge of the one true God which has illumined the soul, Ro. 1:28. **This is the best defense against error**

- Colossians 1:11 **strengthened** with all **might**, according to His glorious power, **for all patience and longsuffering with joy**;
- **strengthened :to be enabled - to be or become rendered (more) capable or able for some task.**
- **Ephesians 6:10 (NKJV)**
- **10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.**
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- **Ephesians 1:19 (NKJV)**
- **19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power**
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- **Might:power - possession of controlling influence; often understood as manifesting influence over reality in a supernatural manner. Acts 4:7; 1 Co. 4:20; 2 Co. 4:7; 12:9 the Spirit over the flesh**
- **patience : stedfast endurance - the power to withstand hardship or stress; especially the inward fortitude necessary.**
- **longsuffering; a state of emotional calm in the face of provocation or misfortune and without complaint of irritation**
- 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.
- 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

longsuffering μακροθυμία, -ας, ἡ, (μακρόθυμος [cf. μακροθυμέω]), (Vulg. longanimitas, etc.), i.e.

1. patience, endurance, constancy, steadfastness, perseverance; esp. as shown in bearing troubles and ills, (Plut. Luc. 32 sq.; ἄνθρωπος ὢν μηδέποτε τὴν ἀλυπίαν αἰτοῦ παρὰ θεῶν, ἀλλὰ μακροθυμίαν, Menand. frag. 19, p. 203 ed. Meineke [vol. 4. p. 238 Frag, comic. Grace. (Berl. 1841)]); Col. 1:11; 2 Tim. 3:10; Heb. 6:12; Jas. 5:10; Clem. Rom. 1 Cor. 64; Barn. ep. 2, 2; [Is. 57:15; Joseph. b. j. 6, 1, 5; cf. 1 Macc. 8:4].

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2. patience, forbearance, **long-suffering, slowness in avenging wrongs**, (for אַרְךָ אַפַּיִם, Jer. 15:15): Ro. 2:4; 9:22; 2 Co. 6:6; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:12; 1 Tim. 1:16 [cf. B. 120 (105)]; 2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Pet. 3:20; 2 Pet. 3:15; (Clem. Rom. 1 Cor. 13, 1; Ignat. ad Eph. 3, 1).*

[Syn. μακροθυμία, ὑπομονή (occur together or in the same context in Col. 1:11; 2 Cor. 6:4, 6; 2 Tim. 3:10; Jas. 5:10, 11; cf. Clem. Rom. 1 Cor. 64; Ignat. ad Eph. 3, 1): Bp. Lghtft. remarks (on Col. 1. c.), "The difference of meaning is best seen in their opposites.

While ὑπο. is the temper which does not easily succumb under suffering, μακ. is the self-restraint which does not hastily retaliate a wrong.

The one is opposed to cowardice or despondency, the other to wrath or revenge (Prov. 15:18; 16:32) ... **This distinction, though it applies generally, is not true without exception** ...; cf. also his note on Col. 3:12, and see (more at length) Trench, N. T. Syn. § liii.

The power of God is for living like Christ in character. Because we have the whole word of God and the mystery of the gospel has been revealed our efforts are applied to living soberly, righteously and godly, free from the carnal mind.

Romans 8:5–8 (NKJV)

5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:12–17 (NKJV)

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

We might not need to pray for patience/longsuffering but we can pray for and expect to receive the power of God for godly living.