

# *Apostolic Prayers Season 3*

## *Living Joyfully*



### **Scripture**

- **Colossians 1: 9-12**

For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience, joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

### **Other Scriptures**

- Proverbs 14:12
- Matthew 6:5
- Matthew 6:3-4
- John 15:11
- John 6:63
- Psalm 150:6
- Matthew 14:29-31

### **Main Points**

- We need to be focusing on prayers that transform us into the likeness of Jesus.
- We need to always be examining our heart and our motives.
- We need spiritual wisdom and understanding so that we can please the Lord.
- God is looking at the secret motives of our heart.
- Being strengthened by Holy Spirit results in supernatural joy.
- Supernatural joy is experienced when we are no longer living by what we feel or by what we see.
- If we want to live in the power of the Holy Spirit we need to keep our eyes on Jesus and focus on His Word.

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### **Discussion Questions**

1. Rabbi gave us a partial list of eternal things rather than temporal things for which to pray. Some of these include greater use of God's power, His wisdom, revelation from Him, for transformation into the likeness of Jesus, and for fruits of the Spirit to be released in us. How does praying for these things fit with the teaching of Col. 1:9-12? How will you incorporate some of these eternal outcomes into your actual prayers? Perhaps keeping a journal would help you see some of the answers as God works in you.
2. Who should our ability to please be focused upon? How do our secret acts help our focus to be rightly centered? Is it hard for you to live for God's pleasure, without glory from man? Embrace the Rabbi's prayer for you to be free from this. How will this be rewarded by God?
3. Who is the source of our power for staying steadfast and patient and joyful?
4. What is walking joyfully tied too? It is a choice to keep our choices based on the Spirit and the Word. How can you increase your agreement with God today and see growth in these areas?