



# Praying for Wisdom

*How to encourage others through interceding on their behalf*

## Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, <sup>20</sup>which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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## Discussion Questions:

1:15-16 – What example did Paul model that we should apply ourselves?

Who did Paul pray for?

1:17 – What specifically did Paul pray about?

What difference might it make in our workplace if we prayed the same thing on behalf of our Christian co-workers?

1:18 – What is the hope Paul prayed for the Ephesians to know?

What is the “glorious inheritance?”

How does an understanding of our glorious inheritance help us to be better workers?

1:19-21 – What great power is Paul praying that the Ephesians come to understand?

How has this mighty power been demonstrated in the past?

How has this mighty power been demonstrated recently?

1:20-23 – What do we learn about Jesus Christ from this?

How does a correct understanding of who Jesus Christ is help us to be better workers?

1:23 – What do we learn about the church from this?

How does a correct understanding of the church help us to be better workers?

How may we experience the power of God at work?

How have you seen the power of God at work?

How could it improve our workplace if we pray that our Christian co-workers have a deeper understanding of the power of God?

How is it encouraging knowing that people are praying for you?