

"A Growing Christian" 2/28/39

Scripture - Col 1: 9-12.

Expository -

Int:- These words are a prayer of the apostle and set forth his heart's desires for the Colossian saints at Colossae. What Paul desired for these Christians is what every true Christian should desire for himself and for his fellows.

I. Filled with knowledge of His Will.

1. This is root of all Christian growth.

2. Not abstract knowledge.

3. God makes known his will to us, that knowing we may do, and that in doing we may "be" more like him.

4. Knowledge of his will is to become an active force in our lives.

II. Walk ^{unto all blessing} worthily & Bear Fruit in Every Good work.

1. Sound knowledge moulds Christian conduct.

2. worthily - your life reg-
ulated by will of God

3.

3. In a manner corresponding
to what Christ has done for
him.

4. In a manner correspond-
ing to Christ's character and
conduct

1. In His steps.

2. all unlikeness to his
pattern is a dishonor to him.

5. unto All Blessing
1. To please Christ - not men.

6. Bearing fruit is every
good work.

III. Strengthened with All Power.

1. God's power

love.