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Go and make disciples!

E-Devotional 2

Ephesians 1:17 (ESV),

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

We have already established the motivation and intention to an empowered prayer and what that looks like and in a way even how that would look in an individual's life. But now we move onto some of the ideas that Paul thought through the Holy Spirit would be something these believers in Ephesus were going to need to walk a successful walk with Christ. However, we know and understand that God is not partial nor does He show favoritism Acts 10:34 (NLT), "Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism." With that in mind, let us consider that what Paul prayed here was something that could not only be transmitted to the believers in Ephesus but to all believers that were and would yet be to come. In other words, we too who have believed today can reap the rewards of this empowered prayer.

With that established, Paul's first line of business in his prayers for these believers was that they would be given spiritual wisdom and insight so that they would grow in their knowledge of God. You see Paul knew that what these believers and all believers really needed was a personal revelation of God Himself. In other words, it is about encountering God. Have you encountered God? How has He been revealed to you as real and active in your life?

The only way to truly grow in the faith is through divine wisdom and insight. In this context, the word for wisdom is simply to mean skill. And if it means skill we also know that this is a spiritual skill unlike a human skill we would use in carpentry or some other trade or work. And insight is simply revelation. So, with that being said, Paul was asking God to supply these believers with spiritual wisdom that is likened to a skill that would be coupled with revelation from God that would cause these believers to grow in their knowledge of God.

This type of knowledge goes beyond an intellectual assent or form of natural learning and is better defined by saying, growing in a relational knowledge of God

as a person would know another person. In today's reading, the most important take away is that we need a supply from God to even get to know Him better. This supply comes in the form of spiritual wisdom and insight. With that in mind, the best way you or I can support a new believer or even a more mature believer is through our love motivated prayers that this would be established in their lives. We should have a desire to see other's as well as ourselves grow in the faith and encounter God more and more. We should never lose this type of hunger. And if we saw that we or anyone else was losing the hunger, we could pray ever more fervently for them.

I think if more people today encountered God in a way that was like what the early church did we would see a revival that would not soon be stopped. Are you ready to see a revival?

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