

How should I act as a believer? - Daniel Bishop

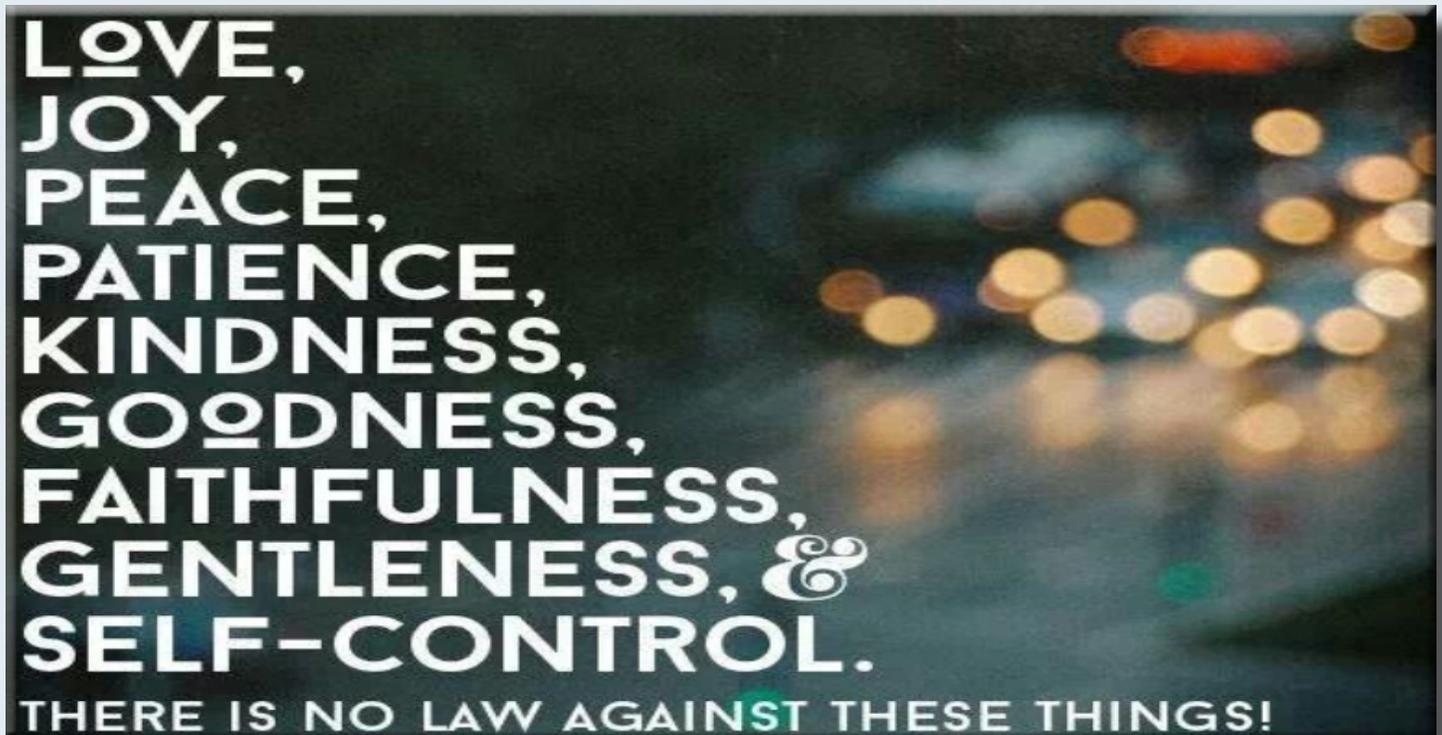
⁹ For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;

COLOSSIANS Chapter 1 verses 9-11

- **We - Do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will:** First, Paul prayed that they would have a **knowledge of His will** [the lord Jesus' will], informed by a true **spiritual understanding**.

- Paul never ceased to pray! Again, this non-stop praying for each other is essential!

- **That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him:** Second, Paul prayed that they would live according to the same knowledge they received, living out a **walk worthy of the Lord**.



- This is a familiar pattern, repeated over and over again in the New Testament. Our walk is based on our knowledge of God, our understanding of His will, and our obedience to His will.
- When considering how a believer should act. Our love for each other and our conduct is a reoccurring theme. Not only in **Colossians**

Ephesians 4.2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

Philippians 1.27 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,

Our Conduct towards and Love for each other are consistently repeated throughout the Gospel.

- **Being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God:**
 1. How do we **increase in the knowledge of God?** - By reading the word
 2. How can we **Be fruitful in every good work by understanding the will of God** by always being ready to be used by the Lord Jesus for His will and in His own timing. Always being ready to give a defence of the faith and always being ready to share the good news!
 3. **Fruitful in every good work. In 'every good work.**
 - Have you the ability to preach the gospel? Preach it!
 - Does a little child need comforting? Comfort them!
 - Can you stand up and vindicate a glorious truth before men and women? Do it!
 - Does a brother need a bit of dinner from your table? Send it.
 - Does a brother or sister need a shelf put up or help with DIY? Do it.
 - Does a brother or sister need some clothes? Buy them some.
 - Is a brother or sister struggling with domestic chores? Help them.
 - Do not just select big things, but glorify the Lord also in the little things – **fruitful in every good work**. The Lord sees all things
- **Strengthened with all might:** As we **walk worthy of the Lord**, His strength is there to help us meet all of life's challenges, and to endure and overcome problems, circumstances with (**patience**) and people with (**longsuffering**) and **joy** by his Spirit.

In summary verses 9 – 11 show us:

HOW SHOULD I ACT AS A BELIEVER? I should:

- Be filled with the knowledge of God (by reading his word)
- Walk worthy of the Lord
- Be fruitful in good works
- Be ready to share the Gospel
- Not cease praying for one another
- Be obedient to God's will