

I M A G I N E

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Imagine....a Dynamic and Powerful Prayer

Ephesians 3:14-21 (ESV) ¹⁴ *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,* ¹⁵ *from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,* ¹⁶ *that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,* ¹⁷ *so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,* ¹⁸ *may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,* ¹⁹ *and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.* ²⁰ *Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,* ²¹ *to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

1. Public prayer has the **tendency (possibility)** to become stale and lacking in power or purpose.
2. Paul shows us an example of how to pray a **dynamic** and **powerful** prayer.
3. Prayer reveals a Christian's chief anxieties and **ambitions**. The **intensity** and **boldness** with which we pray indicates our **trust** and **confidence** in God.
4. Prayer is not a **formula** to figure out but rather a **relationship** to **cultivate**.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT2) *⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.*

5. Paul prays for the Ephesians to experience **six blessings** as God's children.

1. Internal strength through the Holy Spirit

1. God gives you **power** to be strong.
2. How often do we need strength? Two times—**day** and night
3. This power is **internal**.
4. This power is **according** to the riches of His glory.

2. Christ dwelling in your heart through faith

1. The Greek word here means to take up residence.
2. May Christ take stronger and fuller possession of every corner of your life.

3. Be rooted and grounded in love

1. Love nourishes a believer. Agricultural term
2. Love provides stability for a believer. Architectural term
3. Storms come to ALL. Only those who are rooted and grounded will survive. Matt 7:24-29

4. Grasp the full dimensions of the unmeasurable

1. The love of God is broad enough to encompass all mankind, long enough to last for eternity, _____ deep enough to reach the lowest sinner, and high enough to exalt him to heaven. John Stott
2. We cannot know exhaustively the love of God; but we can know it truly.
3. Paul continually speaks of a God beyond measure in this letter.

5. Know a love that surpasses knowledge

1. Knowledge has limits but; God's love is unending.
2. Knowing love is experiential.
3. This relates to the unsearchable riches of Christ. Eph 3:8

6. Be filled with all the fullness of God

1. This is too grand of a statement to understand.
2. God wants us to be continually filled with His fullness.
3. We must allow the Holy Spirit to stretch us and enlarge our capacity.

Paul has asked for the impossible and now gives us reason to believe it can be done.

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