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Ephesians 1:17-19 (NIV)

- *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. I pray 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 his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.*

Enlightenment

1. Comes from the Holy Spirit. He is the “Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation”

- He reveals the truth of the Word (*John 16:12-14*)
- Gives us the wisdom to understand and apply it.
(*Isa. 11:2, John 14:25-26*)
- Gives us the power and enablement to practice it.
(*Ephesians 3:16, Acts 1:8*)

Enlightenment

1. Comes to the heart of the believer

- The heart in the Bible is not just our emotions but the “inner man”.
- The heart is even described in spiritual qualities that parallel our physical senses:
 - Seeing and hearing (Matt. 13:13, Isa. 6:9-10)
 - Taste (Psa. 34:8, 1 Pet. 2:3)
 - Smell (Phil. 4:18, 2 Cor. 2:14)
 - Touch (Acts 17:27)



Paul's 4 requests for enlightenment

1. That we might know God Better- (Eph. 1:17b)

- To know Him personally is Salvation
 - *John 17:3 (NKJV) And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*
- To know Him increasingly is Sanctification
 - *Hebrews 10:14 (NKJV) For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.*

1. That we might know God Better- (Eph. 1:17b)

- To know Him perfectly is Glorification
 - *1 Cor. 13:12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.*
- To know Him is to know Ourselves
 - *Genesis 1:27 (NKJV) 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*



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2. That we might know the hope-^(Eph. 1:18)

- *1 Peter 1:3 (NKJV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

2. That we might know the hope-^(Eph. 1:18)

- *1 John 3:2-3 (NKJV) Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

3. That we might know His Power- *(Eph. 1:19-23)*

- Paul uses multiple words to display God's power
 - *δύναμις dynamis* "power" as in dynamite
 - *ἐνέργεια Energeia* "working" as in energy
 - *κράτος kratos* "strength"
 - *ἰσχύς ischys* "might"

3. That we might know His Power-*(Eph. 1:19-23)*

We need this power for 2 reasons:

1. *We are weak by nature*

- *Matthew 26:41 (NKJV) Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

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3. That we might know His Power-*(Eph. 1:19-23)*

We need this power for 2 reasons:

2. *We have enemies that want to rob us*

- *Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*
- *John 10:10a (NIV) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;*



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