

Praying for perfection of others

Selfless service to the Bride

Col. 1:7-13

7 As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

8 Who also **declared** unto us your **love** in the Spirit.

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do **not cease to pray for you**, and to desire that **ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will** in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 That ye might walk **worthy** of the Lord **unto all pleasing**, being **fruitful** in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and **longsuffering with joyfulness**;

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be **partakers** of the **inheritance** of the saints in light:

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Col.4:12

12 Epaphras, who is **one of you**, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, **always labouring fervently for you in prayers**, that ye may stand **perfect and complete** in all the **will of God**.

Name meaning

Epaphras

(**lovely**), a fellow laborer with the apostle Paul, mentioned ([Colossians 1:7](#)) as having taught the Colossian church the grace of God in truth, and designated a faithful minister of Christ on their behalf. He was at that time with St. Paul at Rome. (A.D. 57.) For Pauls estimate of him see ([Colossians 1:7](#) [Colossians 1:8](#) ; [4:12](#))

The name **Epaphras** is a Biblical baby name. In Biblical the meaning of the name **Epaphras** is: **Covered with foam.**

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We tend to be too individualistic

- *No man is an island.*
- *We need other people to help us attain perfection, vv.*
- *Challenge: be an Epaphras. See other people's desire for perfection and labour in prayer that others may attain it.*
- *Not easy. Satan will try to derail your every effort.*
- *It is a lot easier to be selfish and think of your own spiritual growth and perfection.*
- *The reality is: You can't make it without me.*

The Bride will be a complete body

- *There is nobody can add anything to It or take anything from It. If you would, it would be a **freak body of God**. It would have, maybe like six fingers on one hand, or three arms, or something, to add something, to take something away from it and be one arm short, one finger short. It's the complete Body of Jesus Christ. And in Christ, being the Male, the Groom, the Bride is represented in Him also. And these two are One. 65-0801e - "Events Made Clear By Prophecy"*

Putting needs of others before your own

- ✿ *Philippians 2:4*

- ✿ *Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*

- ✿ *2 Corinthians 13:9*

- ✿ *For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, even your perfection.*

Engaged

- ✿ *Church is a community of believers, a corporal body, enjoying corporal grace.*
- ✿ *If you are involved in other people's lives it becomes natural to be concerned and help in any way you could. What better way to help others than by praying for them.*

Living for others

- *85 Now, the first thing I want to say, is, Jesus never lived for Himself. His life was spent for others. That's, perfectly, Eternal Life. When you say you go to church, and you do good things, that's fine. But when you live your life to yourself, you haven't Eternal Life. Eternal Life, is living for others. It proved it when It come in the Lamb of God. He lived, and had Eternal Life, because He did not live for Himself. He lived for others. And you receive Eternal Life, by receiving that day, and you don't live for yourself no more. You live for others. 60-0925 - "That Day On Calvary"*

Our example

- *Matthew 20:28. Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*

Secret of success of Brother Branham

- ✿ 113 When I first started with these claims here, I told my church, “Stay on your face and pray.” God begin to move. First thing you know, I heard calls coming from Africa, from all over the world. How did it get in there? I don’t know. Prayer went up.
- ✿ Pray! Believe when you pray. That’s it. *Believe!*
52-0224 - "Believing God"

We are a unit.

- ✦ *That's the **success of my meetings**, is because real godly people pray for me. That's it. That's the reason success in my meetings. When I come in and introduce these things about the visions and things, there's a many old mother and dad, sister and brother, setting out there that believe that with all their heart. The Holy Spirit drops right down on them then. If they didn't do that, I have no way of doing it. No matter how great it would be for myself, it has to be for you the same. **We have to do a unit, two of us together, to make the contact with God:** you, as a believer, and myself, as a believer. 60-0304 - "Thirsting For Life"*

Fellowship ≡ protection

- *We need one another more now than we ever did need each other, is now. When you get yourself singled out from the rest of them making yourself just a little different, you don't want to associate with them because they believe this, and don't want to associate with that, you're getting on dangerous ground, right then, keeping away from church. Find the one of your choice, and remain there, and be a Christian brother to all of them. That's the way to be a real Christian. Then we've got fellowship, protection; people love you and pray for you. 60-0304 - "Thirsting For Life"*

Fellowprisoner in Christ

- ✿ *Philemon 1:23*
- ✿ *There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;*

Second nature

- *98 Unselfish life; not the second thought. Not to think about it; but you are so dead to the things of this world, and so alive in Christ, and so walking on the highway, that these things are just an **automatic** thing. You just do it. Not saying, "Well, now, the Lord would, Lord, want me to do that." It's not that. You're just part of Him. His Spirit is in you, and you act the way He acted. Ah! Do get it.*
- *60-0925 - "That Day On Calvary"*

She knows

- *Here is the secret. The Word is in the Bride, and the mind of Christ, to know what He wants done with the Word. And She does it in His Name. She has **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. Then It is germitized, so the Holy Spirit waters It until It is grown and serves Its purpose. 62-0318 - "The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed"*

The promise

✿ *Matthew 7:7-11*

✿ *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?*

Ask in Faith

- ✿ *1 John 5:14. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing **according to his will**, he heareth us:*
- ✿ *James 4:3. Ye ask, and receive not, because **ye ask amiss**, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.*

Don't despise a brother who is a little wrong

- *86 If the brother, you think he's a little wrong, or the sister, say, "Lord, don't let me never have the root of bitterness spring up, 'cause it'll—it'll affect him, and it'll take the Christ right out of my life." That poison acids of malice, and jealousy, and hatred, that will just take the Holy Spirit right away from you. It will run Him from the tabernacle here. It'll kill the Spirit of God, or drive It away from here, hurt your pastor. It'll do everything. See? Don't you do that. 63-0728 - "Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed"*

Arrogant, hostile spirit

✦ *God, You sweated it out of us. The Holy Spirit come down, convinced people that they were wrong. They were sinning. Their spirits were arrogant. They become hostile, snoopy, know-it-all, not willing to repent, not willing to forgive people that's done things against them. They wasn't willing to, but today the Holy Spirit took the Word of God, placed It right in their **gentle** hearts, and said, "Now do you want to come back to where you was the first time you come to the altar, come back to where everybody, you love everybody, and you love Me with undying love? Then just rise up and come up to the altar." They did it, Lord.*

✦ *56-0805 - "The Church And Its Condition"*