

# Not Big Heads, but Big Hearts

Colossians 1:9-14

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When the Apostle Paul wrote his letter to the Colossians the culture of the day was very similar to today. The beliefs of the day were centered on a false wisdom or intellectualism that would deny Christ and elevate man. Paul in Chapter 2, verse 8 refers to this type of wisdom and warns the Colossians to not be taken captive by it. In contrast, Paul points to the true wisdom that is only found in Christ. But to be sure, this wisdom is not a sterile intellectual wisdom that puffs up the head of man. True knowledge and wisdom that is based on Christ does not create “big heads”, but promotes “big hearts.”

A Bible teacher that I have learned from a lot in a practical way once stated, "In my pastoral ministry, I have met people who have become intoxicated with 'studying the deeper truths of the Bible.' Usually they have been given a book or introduced to some teacher's tapes. Before long, they get so smart they become dumb! The 'deeper truths' they discover only detour them from practical Christian living. Instead of getting burning hearts of devotion to Christ, they get big heads and start creating problems in their homes and churches. All Bible truths are practical, not theoretical. If we are growing in knowledge, we should also be growing in grace." (Wiersbe)

Let's grow in grace!

**Paul is praying for the Colossian church. He is praying for:**

- The **Knowledge** of His **Will** – What does the Lord **want** for you?
- Spiritual **Wisdom** and **Understanding** – Not just gaining a whole bunch of information, but the **application** of biblical principles to every day life.
- **Walking** in every day life in a way that **pleases** the Lord.
- **Bearing Fruit** in every good work – Being led by the Spirit as you do your best to serve Him.
- **Strong** in the **Faith** as you overcome obstacles with patience, joy and **thankfulness**.

These characteristics are not demonstrated by a great pool of knowledge that puffs up, but as a great love for others. Not **big heads**, but a **big heart** (Phil. 1:9).