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 AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED. AUTHORIZED VERSION,   
 since the day we heard it, do not we also, since the day we   
 cease praying for you, and making heard it, do not cease to   
 request ? that ye may be filled with pray for you, and to desire   
 \_, ithe knowledge of his will in all that ye might be filled with   
 "wisdom and spiritual understanding, the knowledge of his will in   
 10 so as to walk worthy of the Lord all wisdom and spiritual   
 ‘tunto all pleasing, "bringing forth understanding ; 1° that ye   
 fruit in every good work, and grow- might walk worthy of the   
 a. ing tby the knowledge of God; Lord unto all pleasing,   
 \*strengthened with being fruitful in good   
 strength, according to the might of work, and increasing in   
 his glory, Yunto all patience and the knowledge of God;   
 1 being all 1 strengthened with alb   
 might, according to his   
 glorious power, unto all   
 y Eph. 2. patience and longsuffering   
   
 unspiritual states of which are in the note, Eph. i.8: so Bengel here,—“ Wis-   
 Jlesh. This love of the Colossians he lays dom” is something more general: “ under-   
 stress on, asa ground for thankfulness, a standing” is a certain aptitude, causing   
 fruit of hope laid up for them,—as being that to occur to the mind at every time   
 that side of their character where which is then and there “Un-   
 he had\_no fault [or least fault, ch. iii. derstanding is in the intellect: in   
 12—14] to find with them. He now pro- the whole complex of the faculties of the   
 ceeds, gently and delicately first, touch soul”), 10.] [so as] to walk (aim of   
 on matters needing correction). the foregoing imparting of wisdom: ‘so   
 9—12.] Prayer for their confirmation that ye may walk. “Here he speaks of   
 and completion in the spiritual life. their life and works: for he ever joins   
 9.] For this reason (on account of your and conversation together.” Chrysostom)   
 love and faith, &c. which Epaphras an- worthily of the Lord (Christ, see reff.   
 nounced to us) we also (on our side—the compare 3 John 6) unto (‘with a view to,   
 Colossians having been the subject before ; subjective: or, ‘so as to effect,   
 used too on account of the close corre- the latter is preferable) (all manner of,   
 spondence of the words following with those all that your case admits) well-pleasing   
 used of the Colossians above), the day (the meaning is, ‘so that in every way ye   
 when we heard [it] (viz. as ver. 4), do may be well-pleasing to God’), in (exem-   
 not cease praying for you (he made plifying element of the bringing forth   
 general mention of his prayers in ver. 3: fruit; see below) every good work (not   
 now he specifies what it is that he prays to be joined with the former clause, as   
 for), and (brings into prominence a if bringing forth fruit were parenthetical   
 special after a general; compare “and for this destroys the parallelism) bearing   
 for me” Eph. vi. 18, 19) beseeching that fruit (the good works being the fruits: the   
 ye may be filled with the [thorough] “walking worthily of the Lord” is now   
 knowledge (a stronger word than mere further specified, subdivided into four   
 knowledge: but we can hardly express this departments, noted by the four partici-   
 in the version) of His (God’s, as ples “bringing forth fruit,” “ growing,”   
 the object of our prayer) will (respecting “strengthened,” and “giving thanks”),   
 your walk and conduct, as the context and increasing (see on ver. 6 above) by the   
 shews: not so much His purpose in Christ, as knowledge of God (the instrument of the   
 Chrysostom, “that you have access to Him increase. It is the knowledge of God   
 through His Son, not through angels :” which is the real instrument of enlarge-   
 see Eph. i. 9: but of course not excluding ment, in soul and in life, the believer—   
 the great source of that special respect- not a knowledge which puffeth up, but an   
 ing you, His general will to be glorified in accurate knowledge which buildeth up);   
 His Son) in all wisdom and spiritual 11.] in (or with,—betokening the element.   
 understanding (the instrument by which The instrament of this strength comes in   
 we are to be thus filled,—the working of below) all (departments of every kind of)   
 the Holy Spirit. On wisdom and under- strength being strengthened according to   
 standing, the general and particular, see (in pursuance of, as might be expected