

# A Praying Apostle

## Ephesians 1:15, 16

Often Paul the Apostle received news that was not the best, but in these verses he gets good news. He hears of the faith in the LJC and their love for other believers. When people respond to the Word of God it is a delight to the Pastor. Here Paul's heart is delighted.

This man of God has taught the people how Great God is and that God was not surprised or shocked when believers have great needs. We too, must be knowledgeable that the provisions come first and then the needs. The provisions always precede our needs by millions of years. Wow!

The main verb is found in [Eph. 1:16](#) which is *"I do not cease to give thanks."* Does this mean that all these folk thought just as the Apostle? Of course not! So this means that different people with many different personalities, concepts, ideas coming together from different geographical locations can have a very relaxed mental attitude when properly oriented to God's matchless grace (Note here: [Divine Dynasphere Diagram](#)). When people love the Lord supremely, saturated with the mind of Jesus Christ they will respect others and their privacy. They will be void of jealousy, slander, gossip, judging, and pettiness and filled with courtesy.

Please note: There is only one verb in [Eph. 1:15](#) and it is the words: "having heard". *Akouo* – ἀκούω This reveals how sensitive Paul was to the folk of Asia. He knew of their faith and faithfulness. He had a listening ear, open mind and concerned heart. He knew of their trust in the LJC and their relaxed attitude toward other believers. In [Eph. 1:16](#) he explains his constant prayer life on their behalf. In this verse we find 3 verbs, two of them being in the Middle Voice, where the subject participates in the action and is benefited by doing so.

Note: *pauomai* – παύομαι (PMI)

No stopping in his prayer life

*euchariston* – εὐχαριστῶν (PAP)

*Poioumenos* – ποιέω (PMP)

*"I do not cease giving thanks on behalf of you making mention of you in my Prayers"*.

We study now the subject of PRAYER.