

# Father of Glory

## EPHESIANS 1:17

Paul is praying for the believers in Ephesus and throughout the area. His effective prayer is related to his memory related to their spiritual advance. He is continually thankful for the FAITH AND LOVE FOR THE BELIEVERS. They were void of jealousy, filled with Truth, saturated with impersonal love and courtesy. They understood grace and knew the importance of God's Word in the soul.

We will look at [verse 17](#) exegetically but first let's get a smooth translation: *"In order that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom – even from the source of the Canon (Revelation) by means of epignosis (ἐπιγνώσις) (Spiritual Food from the Bible and placed in the soul) from the source of Him."*

The [first verb in this verse](#) is "may give" which is the Aorist Active Optative 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular of didomi (δίδωμι)

Aor. – point of time in History

Active Voice – Our Father produces the action and provides everything.

Optative Mood (Needs some explaining)

1. It is the mood of strong possibility.
2. It is the mood that says that action is conceivable but contains no definite realization. It is one step farther removed from the subjunctive mood. Since this word is used relative to prayer and A DESIRE in prayer it is saying: THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS RELATED TO GOD'S POWER IN PRAYER BUT THERE CERTAINLY CAN BE LIMITATIONS RELATIVE TO THE BELIEVER'S CAPACITY!
3. This is the mood of strong possibility determined by Spiritual advance and enlarged Spiritual capacity.

[Next, we have](#) "unto you" a personal pronoun - 2<sup>nd</sup> p.pl. ὑμῖν humin (YOU ALL) dative of advantage. It is to our advantage of have WISDOM – the CANON – and A FULL KNOWLEDGE of HIM. The source is God and from Him we receive EVERYTHING!

"A SPIRIT OF WISDOM" πνεῦμα σοφίας (Note: no article before sophias)

## Father of Glory (Continued)

### WHAT DO WE HAVE STORED IN OUR MEMORY?

1. Prayer is related to memory.
2. What we have in the memory bank determines our attitude toward God and His plan for our life.
3. Paul has been praying a prayer of thanksgiving (vs.16) based upon what he knew (vs. 15) about the believer's faith and their relaxed attitude.
4. The effectiveness of the believer's prayer life is dependent upon what is stored in the memory.
5. Even though all believers have responsibility in the area of prayer including: Confession, Thanksgiving, Intercession and Petition; there are some who have the gift of prayer.
6. A person who has the Gift of Prayer spends more time at the job – just as a disseminator spends more time studying and teaching than does the member in the congregation with the Gift of Helps.
7. All prayer is to be directed to the Father (*not* to Jesus, or the Holy Spirit). Our [verse 17](#) – Paul directs his prayer to the Father of Glory – the Author of the plan. Glory is related to all facets of His design.
8. When there is Spiritual Food stored in the memory storage, a person will know:
  - (1) When to pray
  - (2) How long to pray
  - (3) About what to pray
  - (4) When to cease and have confident expectation.