

b. ^aὅπως ^cἡ ^dκοινωνία ^eτῆς ^fπίστεώς ^gσου
 ἐνεργῆς ^hγένηται ⁱἐν ^jἐπιγνώσει ^kπαντός
 ἀγαθοῦ ^lτοῦ ^mἐν ⁿἡμῖν ^oεἰς ^pΧριστόν.

-1. "Fellowship" is a broad word indicating in this circumstance an association for a particular purpose or end. Paul remembers Philemon by his prayers that his association with him in faith might be profitable. His desire is that his participation by his faith might become active.

-2. A common phrase today is a reference of something "coming to life". This is the nucleus of Paul's prayer for Philemon day by day: "that the fellowship of your faith might come to life." This is colloquial English and does not quite size the situation accurately. The term employed means to become energized or activated. This is something like the heating of a filament in an incandescent lamp: the heating is simply the activating of that which is already there and ready to be made active. So Paul prays for Philemon, "that the fellowship of your faith might become activated and be truly effective," and from this comes the rendering "effectual faith".

-3. Thayer (following Lightfoot) states that this term indicates precise and correct knowledge (p. 237). In the Scripture it refers to such a knowledge of things divine. After the Apostle prays that the fellowship of Philemon's faith may become energized he indicates the manner for activating faith as being the correct and precise knowledge of that which is good. The reference