

Colossians 4:12 – “Epaphras who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.”

PRAYER FOR THE COMPLETED WILL OF GOD

This not a request for saints to know the will of God. It is a fervent prayer to remain in the will of God until it is completed. The word “perfect” means full age. It refers to maturity in the will of God. “Complete” comes from a word which means “to cram.” It means to make replete and finish what God has started. Epaphras, probably the pastor of the Colossian church, had reached the point of total commitment to God’s will. It is possible to be in God’s perfect will and then move away from it. To “stand perfect and complete” in God’s will means to follow in God’s will until He is finished with what He is doing in you and with you. Epaphras called himself a bondservant. He had no will of his own. Maturity in Christ will enable you to remain in the will of God. If you abide in God’s will, He will bring it to completion. A perfect and completed will of God comes from standing when everything around you tells you to quit. Pursue the will of God to the end. Pursue the will of God to perfection and completion. Let God finish what He started in you. “He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:6). The work is the will of God. The good work is the completed will of God.