

II Corinthians 13:9 – “And this also we pray, that you may be made complete.”

PRAYER FOR PERFECTION

The KJV translates complete as perfection. According to W. E. Vine, the word applies to a process leading to consummation. It refers to the point at which something is complete or finalized. I pray this prayer over people who show potential and need to grow into it. It is easy to forget that becoming a radical disciple is a process. It begins with a choice, and then it becomes a challenge. Jesus turned down those who were not up for the challenge. It wasn't that they didn't believe in Him; they weren't willing to experience the inconvenience and hardships in following Him closely. A complete Christian is a mature Christian. Think about what you ask for when you are praying for yourself. Do you ask for things that bring comfort and convenience, or do you ask for things that lead to the completion Jesus calls you to? When you pray for others, what do you pray for? Do you pray for their comfort and convenience, or do you pray for things that challenge them and lead to the completion Jesus called them to. Paul set the example of how we should pray for ourselves and for others. Pray that you and they will be complete. Then watch for something to happen.