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Colossians 1:9

“for this reason”

- Because of everything Paul says about the Colossians in **Verses 3-8**.

“we have not stopped praying for you”

- The greatest resistance of the enemy is going to come against those who are most successful for the Kingdom of God and they ought to be held up in **prayer**.

“asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will”

“filled” – pleroo

- To fill something to completeness, signifies the **absence** of anything else.
- That the imperfections and inadequacies of our knowledge of God’s will would be **replaced** and the lies and deceptions we have believed would be erased and that we would be totally **dominated** by our knowledge of His will.

“knowledge” – epignosis

- Indicates completeness, thoroughness, it would be a **full** knowledge.
 - 1) We can’t purposefully do God’s will if we do not know **God’s will**.
 - 2) Feelings are often a part of faith, but faith is not a **feeling**; faith is based on truth.

“His will”

- God’s will is simply what **God wants**.
Isaiah 55:8-9; Proverbs 14:12; 16:25

We know God’s will as he reveals it to us through
His Word by the Holy Spirit.

“through all spiritual wisdom and understanding”

“spiritual wisdom” – sophia

- ability to hear or read Scripture and to formulate **principles** that are God’s revealed truths

“spiritual understanding” – sunesis

- the ability to take those apprehended principles and **apply** them

The wisest thing we can do in terms of putting ourselves in a position where God can fill us with the knowledge of His will is for us to **immerse ourselves in God’s Word.**

IMPLICATIONS

1) Your **mind** matters. (*Romans 10:2*)

- When you set aside real knowledge of God’s will, you find a substitute in **ritual**.
- In the absence of being filled with the knowledge of God’s will, **experience** becomes the criteria of truth.

2) The world tells you not to seek what God wants, but to do what **you want**. It’s all about you. (*Colossians 1:16-17*)

- Life is about Jesus Christ and **His will** for you and for me.

3) Conversion is not the end. It’s the **beginning**.

- Spiritual growth is not **optional**. Growth is a sign of life. Christians may not all grow at the same pace, but all Christians **grow**.

**Jesus, show me Your glory
and help it change my life today!**