

we are to be filled w/ it - "filled"
we are to be faithful to it - "stand firm"
do it, do it

All perfection consists in doing God's will. The works which seem great are nothing if not God's will (Matt. 7:21).

A knowledge of God's will and being filled with it precede a life pleasing to Him.

To be filled with such knowledge is to have it pervading our thoughts, etc.

Paul prays that they may attain to the full knowledge of God's will through the insight that His Spirit imparts, and thus be able to please Him in everything....in this epistle Paul has much to say about knowledge ~~promoting~~ promoting the Christian life....v.10. "Growing by the knowledge of God." Cf. 1:28 "teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man perfect in ~~Christ~~ Christ Jesus."

4:12 - Their spiritual experience will be filled out to completeness through their knowledge and performance of the complete will of God. Chrysostom: "It is not enough, simply, to do His will. He that is filled suffereth not any ~~other~~ other will to be within him, for if so, he is not wholly filled."

1:9, FILLED suggests the idea of filling out to completeness. Such knowledge is not the product of fleshly wisdom of the world. It comes from the illumination of the Holy Spirit. He is who gives that wisdom and understanding which enables us to know the will of God.

WISDOM: that THINKING that is controlled and enlightened by the Holy Spirit.

UNDERSTANDING: speaks of the application of this basic wisdom to the various problems which present themselves and require a clear analysis before a decision can be made.

To be filled w/ it is to be filled w/ power
(1) a seeking of it
(2) a submission to it - condition for knowing

Something is truly filled ~~only~~ only when it overflows...

FILLED--Possession, attaining to...pervades all our being -- thoughts, affections, purposes, and plans. Nothing short of the total of what God can and will give His people

Filled by means of wisdom and spiritual understanding, or filled with that knowledge that you may have wisdom and spiritual understanding

THE WILL OF GOD..the whole counsel of God made known in Christ...
The moral aspect of God's will, HIS INTENTION FOR OUR LIVES.

This is the one only petition of the whole prayer, all else in the text, and the words following, being but results of this petition answered.

God's will here is His revealed will. The knowledge of what He has said in the ~~XXXX~~ Bible.

Knowledge ~~which~~ which goes deeper than the surface of facts...the spiritual knowledge which sees the truth in the fact, and finds the experience in the truth.

This knowledge manifests itself in action, practice.

****This prayer sets forth the ideal of the Christian character.

FILLED: The idea of completeness up to the ~~capacity~~ ~~capacity~~ height of their capacity...

means addition ^{of} or mature knowledge, that deeper apprehension of God's truth...

God does not show Himself in order merely that we may know, but in order that, knowing, we may do, in order that we may be.

John
PROGRESS IN KNOWLEDGE IS THE LAW OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

All of life is to conform to the standard of His will.

WISDOM: a practical application of such knowledge of God's will as we have...it shows the direction in which he should go, the standard by which he should regulate his actions.

SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING: a right appraisal of a situation, spiritual insight.