

**"AN EFFECTIVE PRAYER FOR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WILL"
(Colossians 1:9)**

* John 15:5-8 --- Does Christ think prayer is important?

- I. THE SALUTATION TO THE COLOSSIANS (1:1-2)
- II. THE PRAYERS OF PAUL AND TIMOTHY FOR THE COLOSSIANS (1:3-14)
 - A. Their THANKSGIVING. (1:3-8)
 - B. Their PETITIONS (1:9-14)

1. The Reason for their prayers... "For this _____"

* What cause?

2. The Urgency of their prayers is seen by the phrase "since _____ we heard it"

* Why the urgency?

* What does this indicate about Paul?

3. The Nature of their prayers..... "we do not _____ to pray for you and desire..."

a. They were made _____

b. They were _____ and _____

* "pray" (proseuchomai) -

c. They were made with _____

* What can we learn from this attitude of prayer?

4. The Desire of their prayers was that they "might be _____ with the
_____ of God's _____ in all _____ and
spiritual _____"

* "that" (hina) -

* "be filled" (pleroo) -

* "knowledge" (epignosis) -

* Why did Paul pray for this?

* "wisdom" (sophia) --

* "understanding" (sunesis) -

* Paul & Timothy initial request to God for these believers centered in the knowledge of God's

* God's will primarily focuses on the _____

* Why do you need to be filled with the knowledge of God's will?

*How does all this apply to you?