“Perfect And Complete in All The Will of God”
Col. 4:12

Introduction:
A. Epaphras understood the importance of doing the will of God. (Cf. Eph. 5:17)
   1. Rather than own will. (Cf. John 5:30)
   2. Rather than will of Gentiles (cf. 1 Pet. 4:1-4)
B. Epaphras understood the importance of doing all the will of God. (Cf. Matt. 28:18-20)
   1. Many are careful in some areas, but careless in other areas.
      a. Careful in "religious" matters, careless in "moral" matters - vice versa.
      b. Strict in "church" matters, lax in "home" or "work" matters.
   2. Many do not seem to realize that the will of God involves entire life (cf. Col. 3:17)
C. Important to stand perfect and complete in all the will of God in all areas of life:

Discussion:
I. Church Matters
   A. He is the head of the church — collectively and distributively (Eph. 1:22,23).
      1. A difference in what we do collectively and individually (cf. 1 Tim. 5:16).
      2. All “church” action done by local church.
   B. We must do the will of the Lord in all church action.
      1. The Worship of church.
      3. The Organization of church.
II. Society Matters
   A. Do all the will of God as a citizen. (1 Pet. 2:13-17).
   B. Do all the will of God as an employer or employee. (Eph. 6:5-9).
   C. Do all the will of God as a buyer and a seller (Rom. 12:17 KJV)
   D. Do all the will of God as a neighbor. (Matt. 5:13-16).
      1. Do not be mere thermometer that reflects prevailing standards of society.
      2. Be a thermostat (set by God) that sets standards for society.
III. Home Matters
   A. Must be as careful to do God’s will in home as in church and society.
      1. Careful to establish and maintain our homes by scriptural authority
      2. Careful not to let social pressure, modern thought, or selfish interests prevail.
   B. Must have a high respect of all the will of God in home life.
      1. God's will for rule in the home.
         a. Husband over the wife and household (Eph. 5:25ff; 1 Tim. 3:5).
         b. Parents over children (Eph. 6:1)
      2. God's will for roles in the home.
         a. As a husband and father:
            (1) His primary career: To work and provide. (2 Thess. 3:10; 1 Tim. 5:8).
            (2) To lead in instruction and discipline children. (Eph. 6:4; Heb. 12:7; 11). Note "Fathers ..."
         b. As a wife and mother:
            (1) Her primary career: Homemaker or home manager. (Tit. 2:5; 1 Tim. 5:14).
            (2) A husband helper (Gen. 2:18; cf. Prov. 31:10, 24)
      3. God will for respect in the home (Col. 3:18-21).

Conclusion:
A. Let us strive to be perfect and complete in all God's will, not just in part.
B. Let us strive as hard to be "perfect and complete" in home, as in society and church.