

Philippians 1:9-11

⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Paul's Prayer

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After pouring out his heart, expressing the depth of his love for the church family at Philippi, Paul describes the essence of what he prays for them. It's an extraordinary model of how we ought to pray. We pray that ...

1. We would love each other more fully.
2. Our love would be rooted in our growing knowledge of God.
3. We would live in the way God intends.
4. Our lives would give evidence of genuine faith, assuring us of heaven.
5. We would inevitably display the characteristics of those who treasure Jesus.
6. Our lives might ultimately bring glory to God.

Notes:

Life Group Discussion Questions:

Philippians 1:9-11

What does it say?

1. Review 1:1-8. What is Paul communicating? How do you summarize this? What is the focus?
2. To whom is Paul hoping that “your love may abound”?
3. In what manner does Paul want our love to grow?
4. Why might knowledge and discernment be important to Paul concerning their love?
5. How is Paul using the word “excellent” in this context?
6. What is the day of Christ and why is it significant? Has Paul mentioned earlier? Is this a warning or an encouragement? Explain.
7. What is the fruit of righteousness in v. 11?
8. How would you paraphrase Philippians 1:9-11?

How does it apply?

1. What is an example of implementing love with knowledge and discernment?
2. How is the love that Paul is trying to convey different than the love we often give?
3. How is God calling me to love differently?
4. What prayer life is Paul modeling for us to implement?
5. What would look differently about our prayers if they aligned more with what Paul was expressing?
6. Spend extra time this week praying. Pray with each other a prayer that looks similar to the prayer Paul prayed for the Philippians.