

Learning to Love Others Notes

Philippians 1:7-11

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Main Point: When you love someone, you'll lift them up in prayer. If you need help loving someone, pray until you love them.

Express Feelings

1. Paul models the importance of expressing _____ for our brothers and sisters in Christ.
2. Paul did not _____ anyone and wanted to communicate that every believer is wrapped up together with every other believer.
3. The phrase, "hold in my heart" means, "to have and to hold _____."
4. The word "yearned" means "to _____ and strain after, to desire earnestly."
5. This was the strongest and most tender expression in Greek to denote the intensity of one's attachment to another.
6. The source of these feelings came from "Christ _____."
7. This was not a one-time emotional expression for Paul (Philippians 4:1, 1 Thessalonians 2:8, 2 Corinthians 7:3)
8. He carried the names of the Philippian believers "on his _____" as he entered the "holy place" of prayer.
9. He brought them to God with "_____ remembrance" as he made requests for them.

Intercede with Focus

1. Paul's intercession focused on four main requests which have to do with Christian growth.
 - Abounding _____ (vs. 9)
 - The word "abound" means "to _____, to overflow excessively, to pass the goal with some left over."
 - This word for "love" is agape, which is an _____ love and comes only from God (1 John 4:7).
 - Since loving others doesn't come naturally for us, or for others, we need to pray for love to _____, and we need to practice love (1 Thessalonians 3:12).
 - Increasing _____ (2 Peter 3:18, Philippians 3:10)
 - Expanding _____
 - We all need wisdom not only to discern the difference between what is evil and what is excellent, but also to know how to choose between the good, better, and best.

- One way to expand our discernment is through regular and consistent Bible _____ (Hebrews 5:14).
- The word “discernment” in classical Greek was used for _____ money to see if it was pure.
- We pray for discernment so that instead of living mediocre lives, we can know what really _____.
- We need discernment related to doctrine and decisions (1 Thessalonians 5:21).
- Knowledge asks the question, “What is _____?”
- Discernment asks the question, “What is _____?”
- Growing _____
 - The word “pure” means, “pure, _____, and transparent.”
 - It literally refers to being “tested by _____.”
 - The word “blameless” means, “_____ offense, without any cause of stumbling.
 - Warren Wiersbe suggests two good tests for us to follow:
 - Will what I’m doing cause others to _____?
 - Would I be _____ if Jesus returns while I’m doing this?
 - Jesus referred to Hell as “the hell of fire” in Matthew 5:22, the “eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels” in Matthew 25:41, “unquenchable fire” in Mark 9:43, and “eternal punishment” in Matthew 25:46.

Expect Fruit (1:11a).

1. Living _____ lives
 - He was passionate about praying that fruit would form and ripen in the lives of the Philippian believers because, as Jesus said in Matthew 7:16, “You will recognize them by their fruits.”
 - The word “filled” means to be completely filled like a cup to the _____.
 - This fruit of “righteousness” is the result, or product, of staying _____ to Christ.
 - We are called to _____ fruit (John 15:5).
2. Giving _____ to God (1:11b)
 - God’s glory is the totality of all His _____.
 - Jesus makes it clear that spiritual _____ that comes through Jesus Christ gives glory to God (John 15:8, Psalm 115:1)