

“Straight from the Heart”

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Philippians 1:9-11

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Introduction:

- A. Clear _____ is critical! (Proverbs 18:21)
- B. As Paul wrote this letter to the Philippians, he set for us a wonderful example of how to _____ ourselves _____ to those who are important to us.
- C. Every society has rules for behavior which extend to ordinary activities such as _____.
- D. Letters in Paul’s day began by identifying the _____ rather than the _____.
- E. The final part in the custom of letter writing was the _____.

I. An Expression of _____ (1:3-6)

- A. Note how personally Paul view his relationship with _____.
- B. Paul was thankful for their _____ in the gospel.
- C. The Philippians had been very good to Paul over the years, and the proper expression that Paul should offer in response is _____.
- D. Do we thank God enough for _____ and do we _____ that we thank God for them?
- E. Are we _____ in such a way that others are _____ for us?

II. An Expression of _____ (1:7-8)

- A. Paul’s expression of love is so amazing because it is so _____ and _____.
- B. We all know how deeply _____ loves us and Paul was trying to say that he loved them just as much as _____ did.
- C. Let’s develop the art of expressing both the _____ and _____ of love.

III. An Expression of _____ (1:9-11)

- A. Isn’t it wonderful to know when someone is _____ for you?
- B. Paul prayed that they would grow in _____.
- C. Paul described two guiding qualities which will keep our growing love on track:
 - 1. The first guiding quality is _____.
 - 2. The second guiding quality is _____ of _____.
- D. Their growing love guided by these things will result in three things:
 - 1. The ability to _____ what is _____.
 - 2. A life that is _____ and _____.
 - 3. A life filled with _____.
- E. All of this is for the _____ of _____.
- F. Twice in this section, Paul alluded to the “_____ of _____.” (vs. 6, 10)
 - 1. The day of Christ is not something Christians should fear or dread, but something we should _____ and _____ for.

Conclusion:

- A. The amazing story of Stan Cottrell - even he needed _____.

Answer Key: Intro.A. communication. B. express, appropriately. C. letter, writing. D. writer, recipient. E. Greeting. I.A. God. I.B. partnership. I.C. thanksgiving. I.D. people, tell, them. I.E. living, thankful. II. Love. II.A. public, sentimental. II.B. Jesus, Jesus. II.C. actions, words. III. Encouragement. III.A. praying. III.B. love. III.C.1. knowledge. III.C.2. depth, insight. III.D.1. discern, best. III.D.2. pure, blameless. III.D.3. good, works. III.E. glory, God. III.F. day, Christ. III.F.1. welcome, long. Concl.A. encouragement.