



Worship Service
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PHILIPPIANS: Joy in the Journey

Lesson Four • Philippians 1:9-11

A Prayer for Discerning Love

Do You Want Joy in the Journey?

Pray that you will grow in DISCERNING LOVE
and live a HOLY LIFE so that you give glory to God.

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11

A Prayer for Discerning Love and A Holy Life

1. Pray That Your LOVE Will Abound!

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, Philippians 1:9

The Boundaries of Abounding Love

Abounding love is guided by KNOWLEDGE and DISCERNMENT.

2. Pray That Your DISCERNMENT Will Increase!

so that you may approve what is excellent, Philippians 1:10a

What Is Spiritual Discernment?

Spiritual discernment is the ability to
“approve what is EXCELLENT” or “discern what is BEST”
when it comes to living as a Christ-follower.

3. Pray That Your LIFE Will Be Holy!

and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, Philippians 1:10b-11a

Living a Holy Life

- Seek to live a BLAMELESS life for the day of Christ.

- Seek to live a RIGHTEOUS life through Jesus Christ.

God's Glory and Our Joy

Live to GLORIFY GOD in all your life and you will experience joy in the journey.

to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:11b

To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by His power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2Thessalonians 1:11-12

Praying for Discerning Love & A Holy Life

Take a moment to pray Paul's prayer for yourself or for someone else. You may pray Paul's prayer using Paul's words or you may personalize Paul's prayer using your own words.

Paul's Prayer in Philippians 1:9-11: *“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”*

Paul's Prayer Personalized: *“Heavenly Father, may the love of Christ abound more and more in me so that I will show greater love toward others. And may this love be guided by knowledge and wisdom. Father, I also ask that You would grant me increasing discernment so that I may discern what is best in life from Your perspective and not my own. Father, help me to live a blameless life till Jesus comes and to live a fruitful life of righteousness through Jesus so that my life will give glory and praise to You alone. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.”*