

Start Praying for Maturity

Philippians 1:9-11 A prayer for love, priorities, discernment, fruit and more

Introduction:

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; 11 having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

#1 _____ for the Christians in your life 9a

1 Samuel 12:23 as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you; but I will instruct you in the good and right way.

#2 Pray for mega-growth in _____ 9b

1 John 4:19 We love, because He first loved us.

Romans 5:5 ...the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

#3 Pray for a _____ Love 9c

Love without knowledge is COMPROMISE

Knowledge without love is CRITICAL

Love without discernment is CARELESS

Love with knowledge is COMPASSION

1st Doing what Christ _____...

2nd Discerning what Christ thinks is _____...

#4 Pray for purity and _____ 10

1st LIVING _____ 10a

2nd LIVING WITHOUT _____ 10b

3rd _____ WELL 10c

#5 Pray for an _____ of Fruit 11a

You can live fruitful by...

1-Living dependent

2-Living in obedience

3-Stretching your faith

4-Evaluating your life

5-Cooperating with Christ's Pruning

John 15:2 every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it, that it may bear more fruit. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. 8 "By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

#6 Pray for the right power, motive and _____ 11

1st Christ is our _____ 11a

2nd God's Glory is our _____ and joy 11b

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-Why did Paul write this prayer to the Philippian Church and how can we apply it to our church and ourselves today?
- 2-Why are our prayers so different than the prayer Paul expresses here, and what can we change?
- 3-Why is love so important for Christians to abound in, and how should that look in our church and our lives?
- 4-Why must love be by knowledge and discernment? And why is being blameless until Christ returns so important?
- 5-Why do so many Christians not produce abundant fruit?
- 6-How can you know that you and others are actually living in the strength of Christ for the glory of God?

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