Pressing Onward

A Study in Philippians

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**[Pressing Onward: Pray Then Like This]**

Philippians 1:7-11

*Verses 7-8*

Paul continues to express his warm thoughts for the Philippians picking up on his prayer for them (verses 3-4)

Paul is praying for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Philippian believers based on verse 6. Paul is praying for them to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Paul has their growth in mind.

*Verse 9*

Paul begins by praying that the love they already have would be molded, continue to grow and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more and more.

Paul prays that the Philippians love for God and others to abound more and more.

Love for God and for others must be accompanied by “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (verse 9).

Knowing God is how we love him deeper.

 Biblical love (the kind of love that Paul is praying for here) is love that is informed, that is, love that knows what is best and love that knows the truth.

God has given us all that we need for life and godliness through the way he has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_us to live.

The most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thing that we can do for people is to give them God’s truth and what his word has commands of us.

*Verse 10*

An informed love for God and a love that discerns creates a life that is able to approve what is excellent and right.

The end goal is that the Philippians (and us) would be both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the day of Christ.

Paul is asking God for the Philippians to have authentic lives and character before God and that each of them would seek holiness and Christlikeness in every part of their lives.

*Verse 11*

The love, lives, and fruit that Paul is praying for here comes to us only through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The love, lives, and fruit that Paul is praying for here is all meant for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Our lives should be living examples of God’s good work in us.

*Application*

Do you pray these things for those in your life?

Do you truly know God?

*Blanks: progress, press onward; abound; knowledge, discernment; commanded; loving; pure, blameless; Jesus Christ; glory, praise;*