

HOW TO- ENJOY THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE

"How To" --Series

Philippians 1:3-11

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³I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, ⁵for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ; ⁷just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. ⁸For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.

⁹And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, ¹¹being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God

Four Keys To Enjoying People

1. Be grateful for the _____ in people (vs. 3)

"I thank my God every time I remember you."

Background: Acts 16

Lesson #1: Remember the _____, forget the _____.

"...you have helped me ... from the very first day until now." (vs. 5) GN

2. Practice positive _____ (vs. 4)

"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ..."

Lesson #2: Start thanking God in _____ for people

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God." (vs. 9-11)

What to pray for others: Pray they will . . .

(vs. 9) Pray that they will _____.

(vs. 10a) Pray that they make _____.

(vs. 10b) Pray that they will do _____.

(vs. 11) Pray that they will live for _____.

3. Be _____ with their progress (vs.6)

"Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Lesson #3 God is not _____ with people

Our Mistake: We judge others by how far they _____ rather than how far _____.

4. _____ people from the heart (vs.7,8)

"It is right for me to feel this way about all of you since I have you in my heart."

"God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus."

"God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to us." Rom. 5:5 (GN)

Lesson #4: Be filled with God's _____

I've discovered: if people are not on my _____, they're on my _____.