PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

<u>Men</u>	norize Philippians 1:6 Yes!	Said to
	d Philippians 1:1-2 <u>again</u> .	order to pick up the flavor of this section. with Paul's in this letter? (Re-read Acts 16, also
2.	Let's define some terms. A Bib will do. a. Bondservant or servant	le dictionary would be best, but any dictionary d. Deacons
	b. Saints	e. Grace
	c. Overseers	f. Peace
3.	In Philippians 1:1 how does Pa a. himself and Timothy?	ul describe
	b. the people to whom he is w together with.)	riting? (Notice the words <i>of, in, at, including</i> and
4.	What is the significance of each a. at the time this letter was wr	
	b. for us at the present time?	

5.	Do you think there is any significance to the order (1) grace and (2) peace in verse 2? (Think how the two relate in <i>your</i> life.)
<u>Rea</u> 6.	d Paul's prayer in verses 3-11 several times. What are the two elements of his prayer? verses 3-8: a prayer of verses 9-11: a prayer of
7.	From verses 3-8 how did Paul feel about the Philippians?
8.	Why did he feel that way (verses 5-7)? (In your own words tell what they had done. Compare Acts 16 with Philippians 4:10-20.)
9.	What is the basis of his confidence in them?
10.	If Paul wrote this letter to you, how would this portion a. make you feel?
	b. make you want to respond?
<u>Rea</u> 11.	d again verses 9-11. What is the content of Paul's prayer of petition?

be a are e	prays that our love will overflow in knowledge and depth of insight so that we'll ble to make moral judgments. ("Discern what is best" NIV, "approve things that excellent" NASB.) What did Paul mean?
13.	In practical terms how will this kind of love for others <i>look</i> in your life? Now give an example or two.
14.	What is the <i>end product</i> of this process in one's life (verse 10)?
15.	What is the source of change?
16.	If Paul told you he prayed this for you a. how would it make you feel?
	b. what would you want to do in response?
	c. who or what would you depend on for progress?
17.	How can understanding Paul's prayer change the way you pray for others? a. His prayer in verses 3-8
	b. His prayer in verses 9-11

18.	List 2 or 3 people you will pray for in this way this week. Include one "enemy" in this list. (See Matthew 5:44. For this last category you will probably only be able to pray verses 9-11.)
19.	Write out your own prayer for one of those on your list.
20.	What are one or two principles you have learned or rediscovered from this passage that challenge you to change your thinking or actions?
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