

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

Memorize Philippians 1:6 Yes! _____ Said to _____.

Read Philippians 1:1-11 two times in order to pick up the flavor of this section.

Read Philippians 1:1-2 again.

1. Why is Timothy's name linked with Paul's in this letter? (Re-read Acts 16, also Acts 17:4; 19:22; and 20:3-4.)

2. Let's define some terms. A Bible dictionary would be best, but any dictionary will do.
 - a. Bondservant or servant
 - b. Saints
 - c. Overseers
 - d. Deacons
 - e. Grace
 - f. Peace

3. In Philippians 1:1 how does Paul describe
 - a. himself and Timothy?

 - b. the people to whom he is writing? (Notice the words *of, in, at, including* and *together with*.)

4. What is the significance of each of these descriptions
 - a. at the time this letter was written?

 - 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 *your* life.)

Read Paul's prayer in verses 3-11 several times.

6. 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?

Read again verses 9-11.

11. What is the content of Paul's prayer of petition?

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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