

BBCC Bible Study Notes
From the series: Finding Joy in the Journey
"How to Enjoy the People in Your Life"
July 16, 2017

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How can you enjoy the people God has placed in your life? (Philippians 1:1-11)

1. You need to have them on your _____. (vs. 3-6)

- Remember their _____.

We share in God's _____.

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- Focus on God's _____ in them.

The work God does _____ us.

The work God does _____ us.

The work God does _____ us.

2. You need to have them in your _____. (vs. 7-8)

- The love we need for others comes from _____ through us.

3. You need to have them in your _____. (vs. 9-11)

Pray that others will:

- Have a growing _____ based on knowledge and insight.
- Be able to know and choose what is _____.
- Develop godly _____ through a close connection with Christ.

Who do you need to consistently pray for?

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BBC Devotional Guide for July 16 to 22, 2017

Sunday: Read Philippians 1:3. The Apostle Paul had a very close relationship with the believers in Philippi and was thankful for their friendship. Do you think that every single memory caused him to thank God for these friends or that he chose to remember certain things and not others? How can being thankful for people affect our relationship with them?

Monday: Read Philippians 1:4-5. What caused Paul the deepest joy and satisfaction was the Philippians “partnership in the gospel.” Paul had begun his ministry in Philippi about ten years earlier. At that time he experienced the hospitality of Lydia (Acts 16:11-15) and the Philippians jailer and his family (Acts 16:25-34). How did Lydia and the jailer become partners with Paul? How did they express that partnership? What can we learn from their example?

Tuesday: Read Philippians 1:4-6. Paul was joyful because of the work God was doing in the lives of these Philippians believers. What is the “work” that God does for us? What is the work that God does “in us”? What is the “work” that God does through us? Thank God today for His work in your life!

Wednesday: Read Philippians 1:7. When Paul says that he is “in chains” it is a reference to his imprisonment. During his imprisonment the Philippian believers had come to his aid by sending gifts to him to express their love and concern. Paul says that “*all of you share in God’s grace with me*”. How does the realization that all believers share in God’s grace promote close and authentic relationships?

Thursday: Read Philippians 1: 9-11. We are going to look at different aspects of this prayer Paul prayed for the Philippians but first consider this question: what motivated Paul to pray for these believers? What can we learn from his example? Thank God today for the privilege of praying for other believers.

Friday: Read Philippians 1:9. When Paul prays for the believers in Philippi he prays that they will have a growing love for each other based on knowledge and insight. We need to know HOW to express love to the people God has placed in our lives and Jesus can show us how to do that by the example of his life.

Saturday: Read Philippians 1:9-11. Paul prays for the Philippian believers to be able to know and to choose what is best in order to grow in character. How can you learn to know and choose what is best in your life? How does making choices that please God develop your character?

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