

Living Courageously

25 day devotional on Philippians

Day 3

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from DAY 2 with the Lord)

Read the text: Philippians 1:9-11 (Jot down key or repeated words and phrases)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- When you hear the words in verse 9, *abound more and more*, what picture or substance do you think of? How is love like this?
- Contrast the difference between loving dumbly and loving wisely (vv. 9-10).
- Wise love usually costs something: time, effort money, attention, etc. Why do you think that is the case? Why isn't it always easy?

Summarize: Now take a moment to go back and pour over your observations as well as your responses to the questions.

Engage with God: Bring your thoughts, questions, and desire for change to the Lord for his forgiveness, wisdom, correction, guidance, and direction. Here are some extra questions to consider:

1. What is the Lord saying to you personally?
2. What do you need to pray about?
3. With whom does the Lord want you to share this devotional?
4. Who has the Lord placed on your heart to pray for and invite to church?

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- List and pray about any hurdles to loving more and more that you are facing. (Consider Philippians 1:29-30; 2:1-14; 4:2, 6, 19; Romans 12:2)
- What does Paul's prayer that our love may abound more and more with knowledge and all discernment, mean to you personally? (See also I Corinthians 13:1-13; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; Ephesians 1:8; 3:17; Romans 5:13-17; 2 Corinthians 8:7, Philippians 3:12-15)
- Determine how you can grow in how wisely you express your love to the Lord and others. (Philippians 2:3-4; 4:8-9; Colossians 1:9-11; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 22:34-40)
- Since followers of Jesus still battle with their sin nature, how do you think it is possible to be pure and blameless? (Consider Psalm 15) o In light of being filled with the fruit of righteousness, reflect on the contrasts in Galatians 5:19-24. (See also James 3:10-12; 2 Corinthians 9:10)
- How is the Lord speaking to you as a result of reflecting on this passage today?