

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER WITH THANKSGIVING

Philippians 1:3-8

I. Paul _____ his gratitude (vv.3-4)

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy,

We can't be _____ if we don't understand _____.

Thankfulness should be a _____ of every Christian.

II. Paul _____ his gratitude (vv.5-8)

5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

3 Reasons Why Paul Is Thankful

1. Because of their _____ in the _____ (v.5)
2. Because of God's _____ in their _____ (v.6)
3. Because of Paul's _____ for them (v.7-8)

Discussion Questions

1. How thankful are you generally, from 1-10? What things keep you from being more thankful?
2. How does understanding grace motivate our gratitude? In what practical ways do you need to meditate on God's grace more?
3. What can you do to excel in *remembering* others and *praying* for them?
4. Spend a moment praying WITH THANKSGIVING for a person who is difficult to love (*do this by yourself*)
5. In what ways did the Philippian Church participate in the gospel with Paul? In what ways can you excel in gospel-participation?
6. What demonstrations of God's grace in others' lives can you give thanks for?
7. Spend time praying for one another with thanksgiving (*do this in small groups*)