



JOY ALL THE TIME! (PHILIPPIANS)
"Healthy Relationships" – Phil 1:1-11

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1st – BE GRATEFUL FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Philippians 1:3 (NIV) *"I thank my God every time I remember you."*

*** Remember the best & forget the rest**

2nd – PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Phil 1:4 (NIV) *"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now."*

*** The quickest way to change a bad relationship to good: start praying for them**

3rd – TRUST GOD IS WORKING IN HIS PEOPLE

Phil 4:6 (NIV) *"Being confident of this, that He Who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

*** Celebrate how far people have come, rather than judging how far they still have to go.**

4th – LOVE GOD'S PEOPLE LIKE JESUS LOVES THEM

Phil 4:7 (NIV) *"It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the Gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me."*

Phil 4:8 (NIV) *"God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus."*

Phil. 1: 9-11 (NIV) *"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God."*

Pray for God's people to . . .

➔ **Overflow with love**

(vs. 9 – your love may abound more & more in knowledge and depth of insight..)

➔ **Know God's wisdom**

(vs. 9b-10a- so that you may be able to discern what is best..)

➔ **Live with integrity**

(vs. 10b – and may be pure and blameless until the Day of Christ..)

➔ **Become like Jesus**

(vs. 11 – filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

1 John 3:16 (NIV) *"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."*