

Questions for Consideration—*With the Master In Fullness of Joy*

Lesson 3— Paul's Prayer for the Philippians-Four Amazingly Rich Prayer Requests! —Philippians 1:9-11

1. Read Philippians chapter one and write down all the verses that could be used for praying for others.
2. Memorize Philippians 1:10
3. Summarize Paul's prayer request for the Philippians (1:9-11) in your own words.
4. Read Daniel chapter one. (a) What was Daniel's decision regarding the king's food and wine, and how did he handle the situation? (b) How did Daniel and his three friends compare and/or contrast in wisdom and understanding to the magicians and conjurers (astrologers)? (c) What principles can you apply to your own life considering Daniel and what Paul said to the Philippians: "that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ"?
5. Read Paul's prayer for the Colossians (1:9-14) and re-read his prayer for the Philippians (1:9-11). In which ways are these prayers similar, and in which ways are they different?
6. One of Paul's prayers for the Philippians is that they would be without offense (that they not cause others to stumble or sin). Read Romans 14 where Paul gives specifics on the importance of not causing others to stumble (sin). Write down some principles as well as some questions you might ask yourself before deciding to proceed in a "gray area."
7. Pray Paul's prayer for the Philippians (1:9-11) for yourself and others throughout the week. What blessings did you receive this week from praying this prayer?
8. Examine your prayers. (a) Do you pray from a sense of duty, or are you compelled to pray? (b) Do you pray infrequently or briefly? (c) Do your prayers center on your own needs or the needs of others? (d) Do you pray for the spiritual maturity of others, or do your prayers mainly consist of earthly needs?
9. Which of Paul's requests for the Philippians would you like to see in your own life? Write down your request for the purpose of prayer.