

Questions to Consider-With the Master On Our Knees - Lesson 6 - Paul's Prayer for the Philippians: Four Amazingly Rich Prayer Requests!-Philippians 1:9-11

1. Read Philippians, chapter 1. Write down all the verses that you can use to pray for others.
2. Summarize Paul's prayer request for the Philippians (Philippians 1:9-11) in your own words.
3. Memorize Philippians 1:9, 10 or 11. (or all 3!)
4. Read Daniel, chapter 1. (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 in wisdom and understanding to the magicians and conjurers? (c) What principles can you apply to your own life regarding "approving those things that are excellent, and being sincere and without offense till the day of Christ"?
5. Read Paul's prayer for the Colossians (Colossians 1:9-14) and reread his prayer for the Philippians (Philippians 1:9-11). In what ways are these prayers similar and in what ways are they different?
6. One of Paul's prayers for the Philippians is that they would be without offense (not cause others to stumble). Read Romans, chapter 14, where Paul gives specifics on the importance of not causing others to stumble. From what you've read, write down some principles as well as questions you might ask yourself before deciding to proceed into a "gray area."
7. Pray Paul's prayer for the Philippians (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 your answer in the form of a prayer request to share.