

# PART ONE

Philippians 1:7-11 // August 14



## Prepare Your Heart & Mind

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



## Reflect/Connect

- Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

## Grow in the Word

- These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.

## REFLECT/CONNECT

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?
- How often are your prayers or requests for prayer governed by the current circumstances of life?

## GROW IN THE WORD

Paul explained the reasons for his joy in remembering the Philippians and the confidence he had that God would complete the work he began in them (v. 7-8).

- How would you describe or summarize Paul's feelings for the Philippians?
- What barriers exist that might prevent you from experiencing this type of kind affection towards brothers and sisters in Christ?
- What does it mean that the Philippians are "partakers of grace" with Paul? See Phil. 1:5, 27-30; 4:14-15 and compare different translations of verse 7.

Paul prayed that the Philippians would grow in love founded in knowledge and discernment and resulting in spiritual maturity and Christ-likeness (v. 9-11).

- How would you describe the relationship between love, knowledge, and discernment in these verses? See also Luke 10:27; Col. 1:9-11; 1 Cor. 13:1-3.
- What is Paul's ultimate hope for the Philippians, and how would you put it into your own words?
- How does the ability to "discover the things that are excellent" lead to Christian growth and maturity?



# SERIES RESOURCES

## OVERVIEW: PHILIPPIANS

An animated video by the Bible Project provides a thorough overview of the book of Philippians. The video offers a great summary of the book while emphasizing that every Christian's story can be an expression of Jesus' ultimate story.

- <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/philippians/>

## INTRODUCTION TO PHILIPPIANS

A fundamental introduction to the book of Philippians from the ESV Study Bible. Get a quick synopsis of the book's background to help you gain a better understanding of the book of Philippians as a whole.

- <https://www.esv.org/resources/esv-global-study-bible/introduction-to-philippians/>

## PHILIPPIANS: A COMMENTARY BY THE GOSPEL COALITION

A free, downloadable commentary of the entire book of Philippians. This commentary offers background material and a section-by-section commentary of the entire book.

- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/commentary/philippians/>

## BE JOYFUL: EVEN WHEN THINGS GO WRONG, YOU CAN HAVE JOY BY WARREN WIERSBE

A timeless resource by one of this generation's most trusted teachers, Be Joyful gives readers invaluable insights into the history, meaning, and context of Philippians. This new version includes study questions at the end of each chapter to aid readers in reflection and application.

- [https://www.amazon.com/Be-Joyful-Philippians-Things-Commentary-ebook/dp/B005MT7WSC/ref=tmm\\_kin\\_swatch\\_0?\\_encoding=UTF8&qid=1659553546&sr=1-19](https://www.amazon.com/Be-Joyful-Philippians-Things-Commentary-ebook/dp/B005MT7WSC/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1659553546&sr=1-19)

## LIFE LESSONS FROM PHILIPPIANS: GUIDE TO JOY BY MAX LUCADO

A guide through the book of Philippians by pastor and author Max Lucado that offers its readers thoughtful questions, encouraging stories, and reflections to dig deeper into God's Word. Lucado unpacks Paul's letter to the young church emphasizing Paul's focus on living a life full of joy, peace, and contentment even in the midst of trouble.

- [https://www.amazon.com/Life-Lessons-Philippians-Max-Lucado-ebook/dp/B077Y2F619/ref=tmm\\_kin\\_swatch\\_0?\\_encoding=UTF8&qid=1659553546&sr=1-18](https://www.amazon.com/Life-Lessons-Philippians-Max-Lucado-ebook/dp/B077Y2F619/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1659553546&sr=1-18)