

PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL

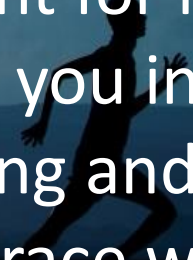
A Study in the book of Philippians

Praying for the Road Ahead

1:1-11



Philippians 1:1-11 (NIV) ¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: ² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ 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. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

A silhouette of a person running is visible in the lower right portion of the image, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise over a landscape with hills.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,
¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,
¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God.



Philippians 1:6 (NIV) ⁶ 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.



I. Love Will Abound v.9

...that your love may abound more and more...

It was indeed a **good work** begun in the Philippians and in all believers. “The work of grace has its root in the divine goodness of the Father, it is planted by the self-denying goodness of the Son, and it is daily watered by the goodness of the Holy Spirit; it springs from good and leads to good, and so is altogether good.” (Spurgeon)



I. Love Will Abound v.9

...that your love may abound more and more...

I John 4:20, “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ but hates another Christian, that person is a liar; for if we don’t love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we have not seen?”



I. Love Will Abound v.9

...that your love may abound more and more...

attitude (humility, tenderness, the forgiving spirit even toward enemies)

words (of encouragement, truthfulness, and mildness)

deeds (of self-denial, loyal, and kindness)



I. Love Will Abound v.9

...that your love may abound more and more...

I Corinthians 13 :4-5 “Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud, or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged.”



I. Love Will Abound v.9

...that your love may abound more and more...

If I don't live a life of love,

1. Nothing I say will matter.
2. Nothing I know will matter.
3. Nothing I believe will matter.
4. Nothing I give will matter.
5. Nothing I accomplish will matter.



I. Love Will Abound v.9

...that your love may abound more and more...

I Corinthians 13:3 “No matter what I say, what I believe, or what I do, I’m bankrupt without love.”



II. Grow in Knowledge and Depth of Insight v.9b

...in knowledge and depth of insight...

Philippians 3:8 (NIV) ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ



II. Grow in Knowledge and Depth of Insight

v.9b

...in knowledge and depth of insight...

Philippians 1:10 (NIV) ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best...



III. Live a Life of Holiness v.10

...may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ

Philippians 4:8 (NIV) ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.



III. Live a Life of Holiness v.10

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