

Grace Community Church

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“How to Enjoy the People in Your Life”

Philippians 1:3-11

4 Keys to Enjoying People

1. Be _____ for the good people in your life. (vs. 3)

“I thank my God every time I remember you.”

Background: Acts 16

Lesson #1: Remember the _____, forget the _____.

“...you have helped me ...from the very first day until now.” Vs. 5 (GN)

2. Practice _____ praying. (vs. 4)

“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy...”

Lesson #2: The quickest way to change a relationship from bad to good is to start thanking God in prayer for people.

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

What to pray for others: Pray they will...

- grow in _____. (vs. 9)
- make wise _____. (vs. 10a)
- do the _____ thing. (vs. 10b)
- live for God’s _____. (vs. 11)

3. Be _____ with their progress. (vs. 6)

6being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Lesson #3: God is not _____ with people.

“We are unified by our common weaknesses, our common failures, our common disappointments and our common inconsistencies.” –Henri Nouwen

“To them He gave the right to become the sons of God.” John 1:12

Our Mistake: We judge others by how far they have to _____
rather than how far they’ve _____.

4. Love people from the _____. (vs. 7, 8)

“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.” (vs. 7)

“God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.” (vs. 8)

“God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God’s gift to us.”
Rom. 5:5 (GN)

Lesson #4: The secret of enjoying the people in my life is to be _____
with God’s _____.