

ENJOY THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE

Enjoy the Adventure, Part 1

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"Life is an adventure. I am following you, God, through the middle of it, and you are providing for me step by step. Help me to enjoy the adventure as I walk with you."

Philippians 1:1-11

THREE KEYS TO ENJOYING PEOPLE

I thank my God every time I remember you. vs. 3

Background Story: Acts 16

1. Be _____ for the good in people

Lesson #1: Remember the best, forget the rest.

...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, vs. 5

Many proclaim themselves loyal, but who can find one worthy of trust? Proverbs 20:6 NRSV

2. Practice _____ for people

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy... vs. 4

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

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled 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 that they will . . .

- *grow in love.* vs. 9
- *make wise choices.* vs. 10a
- *do the right thing.* vs. 10b
- *live for God's glory.* vs. 11

3. Be _____ with their progress

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. vs.6

Lesson #3: God is not finished with people.

Our Mistake: We judge others by how far they have to go, rather than how far they have come.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you since I have you in my heart... God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. vs. 7-8