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Philippians 1:9-11 (NIV) **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 for the day of Christ, **11** filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.



I. The source of our love.

Philippians 1:9 And this I pray, that **your love** may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment ...



I. The source of our love.

1. The source of our love is from God.

1 John 4:16b God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.



I. The source of our love.

2. This love of God flows into us as we abide in Him.

1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.



I. The source of our love.

3. When we do not abide in God, we revert to our natural corrupt love.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ...



- I. The source of our **love**.
4. We must **first** experience the love of God **personally**.

1 John 4:10 In this is love, **not that we loved God, but that He loved us** and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.



- I. The source of our **love**.
- 5A. As we continue to **experience** the love of God, we will develop **faith conviction** that we are deeply loved by God.

1 John 4:16 And we have **known** and **believed** the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.



- I. The source of our **love**.
- 5B. We then **live** out our lives based on this faith conviction that we are deeply loved by God.

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Develop Biblical Worldview
Find Theological Anchor
Build Faith Conviction



- I. The source of our **love**.
6. We can then love God because He **first** loved us.

1 John 4:19 **We love Him because He first loved us.**




- I. The source of our **love**.
7. We then continue to experience the **flow** of the love of God which has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the **love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit** who was given to us.



- I. The source of our **love**.
8. We can then love **others** with the **love** of God:
- A. Our **families**.

1 Timothy 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for **his own**, and especially for those of **his household**, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.




I. The source of our **love**.

8. We can then love **others** with the **love** of God:

B. Our **fellow believers**.

Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to **those who are of the household of faith**.



I. The source of our **love**.


8. We can then love **others** with the **love** of God:

C. Those who **cross our path**.

Luke 10:29-37 Good Samaritan - Who is my neighbour?




II. **How** shall we love?

1A. We must love in **knowledge** of God and **depth of insight** from the Holy Spirit.


Philippians 1:9 (NKJV) And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more **in knowledge and all discernment** ...

Philippians 1:9-11 (AMP) And this I pray: that your love may abound yet more and more and extend to its fullest development **in knowledge and all keen insight** [that your love may display itself **in greater depth of acquaintance and more comprehensive discernment**]



1B. Know and understand the love of God flows from His **character**.

Jeremiah 9:24 but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, exercising **loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness** in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.



2. We must also be aware of the **character** of the people we love.

Dubious	Weaknesses	Unlovely	Stubborn	No Integrity
Blind-spots	Evil Intention	Negative Habits	Specific Needs	
Who are your enemy	Who Seek Your Harm	Who don't want to change		



III. Desired outcome of loving others:

1. so that we **discern** what is God's **best** for the person and love **accordingly**.

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III. Desired outcome of loving others:

2. as we love with the love of God, we will be **sincere** and **blameless** before **God**.

Philippians 1:10-11

10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and **without offense till the day of Christ**, **11** being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.



III. Desired outcome of loving others:

2. as we love with the love of God, we will be **sincere** and **blameless** before **God**.

1 Corinthians 10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or **whatever you do, do all to the glory of God**.



III. Desired outcome of loving others:

3. as we love with the love of God, we must also strive to have our **conscience** clear before God and man.

Acts 24:16 This being so, I myself **always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men**.



III. Desired outcome of loving others:

3. as we love with the love of God, we must also strive to have our **conscience** clear before God and man.

1 Corinthians 8:7 However, there is **not in everyone that knowledge**; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and **their conscience, being weak, is defiled**.



III. Desired outcome of loving others:

4. as we love with the love of God, we must be mindful of those with **weak** conscience so as not to stumble them.

1 Corinthians 8:9 But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a **stumbling block** to those who are weak.



III. Desired outcome of loving others:

4. as we love with the love of God, we must be mindful of those with **weak** conscience so as not to stumble them.

Romans 14:12-13

12 So then each of us shall **give account of himself to God**.
13 Therefore let us **not judge one another anymore**, but rather resolve this, **not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way**.



III. Desired outcome of loving others:

5. as we love with the love of God, it will be **filled with the fruit of Righteousness**.

Philippians 1:11 being filled with the **fruits of righteousness** which are by Jesus Christ, **to the glory and praise of God**.



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Righteousness =

- A. Right **standing with God**
 B. Right **believing**
 C. Right **doing - living**



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Fruits of Righteousness - e.g. **Forgiveness**

- i. Forgive as an act of our **will** in obedience.
 ii. Be **healed** from the wounds, hurts and pains.
 iii. Release **judgment** of the people to the Lord.



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Fruits of Righteousness - e.g. **Forgiveness**

- iv. **Reconcile**
 v. **Restore**
 vi. **Rejoice - Celebrate**



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5. as we love with the love of God, it will be **filled with the fruit of Righteousness**.

Isaiah 32:17 (NIV) The **fruit of that righteousness** will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence for ever.

Isaiah 32:17 (NKJV) The **work of righteousness** will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.



BOTTOM-LINE

- Love is Not Blind -

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