

Today's Theme

“Enjoying People”

Series Title

“Finding Joy In Life” Part 1

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What It Takes To Enjoy People

1. Sincerely *desire* God's *best* for others.

Phil 1:1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all God's holy people 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.

Principle: Until I desire what's *best* for my friend - I'm *using* them not *enjoying* them.

2. Express *gratitude* for the *good* in them.

Phil 1:3 I thank my God every time I remember you.

Truth About Gratitude

- (1) Expressing gratitude *intensifies positive* feelings.
- (2) Remembering *pleasant* memories are a *choice*.

How To Remember The Positive

- (1) Thank God for the *people* in our *life*.
Phil 1:3 I thank my God . . .
- (2) T/people in our life for the *good* they've *brought*.
Phil 1:3 I thank my God every time I remember you.

Principle: Remember the *best* & forget the *rest*.

3. Do your *best* to *pray regularly* for them.

Phil 1:4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy

What To Pray For

- (1) That they would *grow* in *love*.
Phil 1:9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,

- (2) That they would make *wise decisions*.
Phil 1:10 so that you may be able to discern what is best
- (3) That they would live *morally excellent* lives.
Phil 1:10 and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

- (4) That they would *do* what is *right*.
Phil 1:11 filled with the fruit of righteousness

- (5) That they would allow *Jesus* to *lead* them.
Phil 1:11 that comes through Jesus Christ

- (6) That they would seek to *honor* God in all they *do*.
Phil 1:11 to the glory and praise of God.

4. Find ways to *honor* their *loyalty*.

Phil 1:5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,

Loyalty That Builds Relationships

- (1) By offering unconditional *help & support*.
- (2) By offering an *unbreakable* personal commitment.

5. Offer *patience* with their *progress*.

Phil 1:6 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.

The Only Way To Stay Patient With People

- (1) Stop *judging* people by how far they have to *go*.
- (2) Start *praising* them for how far they have *come*.

6. Love them from the *heart*.

Phil 1:7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, 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.

How To Get To Heart Love

- (1) Heart love demands *understanding*.
- (2) Heart love demands *questions & listening*.