

“Steps In The Right Direction” “For The New Year”

Philippians 1:9-11 Dec 29, 2024

Basic Guidance For The New Year

1. That real love is _____ by us.

Phil 1:9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more . . .

1 Cor 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

2 Thess 1:3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. 4 Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

2. That love needs be attached to _____.

Phil 1:9 . . . in knowledge and depth of insight

Prov 4:6 Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you.

Prov 19:8 The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper.

Prov 21:29 The wicked put up a bold front, but the upright give thought to their ways. 30 There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord. 31 The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord.

3. That our ability to _____ well increases.

Phil 1:10 . . . so that you may be able to discern what is best . . .

Prov 17:24 A discerning person keeps wisdom in view, but a fool's eyes wander to the ends of the earth.

Prov 17:28 Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues.

4. That life moves away from _____ actions.

Phil 1:10 . . . and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

Psalms 101:6 My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; the one whose walk is blameless will minister to me.

5. That my life produces _____ results.

Phil 1:11 filled with the fruit of righteousness. .

Psalms 18:20 The Lord has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me. 21 For I have kept the ways of the Lord; I am not guilty of turning from my God.

6. That we understand Jesus is the _____.

Phil 1:11 . . . that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Col 1:16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Prov 1:1 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: 2 for gaining wisdom and instruction for understanding words of insight; 3 for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; 4 for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young— 5 let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance—