

“Steps In The Right Direction” Pt 2 “For The New Year”

Philippians 1:9-11 Jan 5, 2025

Basic Guidance For The New Year

1. That real love is *produced* by us.

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

2. That love needs to be attached to *wisdom*

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

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,

Phil 2:13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. 14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky 16 as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

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. . Matt 7:17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

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—