

Sermon Audio Input

Full Msg. Title: "Overcoming the Hurdles"*
Short Ver. Title: Prayer 08
Series Title*: Prayer
Text: Philippians 1:1-11
Key Words: Prayer

Message Outline

"Overcoming the Hurdles"*

Spiritual Reformation, Chapter 8

- I. Considering Philippians 1:1-11
- II. Receiving the Ministry of D.A. Carson
 - A. "Paul Prays for What is Excellent"
 - B. "Paul's Prayer Is Tied to the Long View"*
 - C. "Paul's Prayer Is Not Idolatrous, but Praises God"*

Examine the Scriptures (Be Berean!)

Philippians 1 - 4

Consider & Discuss (Be Transformed!)

- "Enlarge on the connection between growing in love shaped by knowledge and moral insight... and approving what is best."*
- "Enlarge further upon the nature of the best things for which we should be praying."*
- "What percentage of your praying is for things of eternal value? Do you think your prayers should change? Why or why not?"*
- "How does Paul avoid making the pursuit of what is excellent an idolatrous exercise?"*
- **Community Group Discussion:** With the last question in mind, "**How should his example apply to you?**"

Memory & Meditation Verse

"And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God." Philippians 1:9-11, NASB

Community Life

- Nurture your prayer life in community!

Next Sunday

Spiritual Reformation, Ch. 9, "A Sovereign and Personal God"; Gen 50:19-20, 2 Sam 24, Isaiah 10:5-19; John 6:37-40; Phil 2:12-13; Acts 18:9-10; Acts 4:23-30*

*Titles, Discussion Questions and Outline Headings from D. A. Carson's *Spiritual Reformation*, Baker Book House, 1992.