

GRACE---THE KEY TO GETTING ALONG WITH PEOPLE

"GRACE" --Series

Philippians 1:3-11

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³I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, ⁵for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ; ⁷just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. ⁸For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.

⁹And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, ¹¹being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God

Four Keys To Getting along with People

1 Be grateful for the good in people (vs. 3)

"I thank my God every time I remember you."

Background: Acts 16

Lesson #1: Remember the best, forget the rest.

"...you have helped me ... from the very first day until now." (vs. 5) GN

2. Practice positive praying (vs. 4)

"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ..."

Lesson #2: Start thanking God in prayer for people

The quickest way to change a relationship from bad to good is to start:

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God." (vs. 9-11)

What to pray for others: Pray they will . . .

(vs. 9)

(vs. 10a)

(vs. 10b)

(vs. 11)

3. Be patient with their progress (vs.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."

Lesson #3 God is not finished with people

Our Mistake: We judge others by how far they have to go rather than how far they have come

4. Love people from the heart (vs.7,8)

"It is right for me to feel this way about all of you since I have you in my heart."

"God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus."

"God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to us." Rom. 5:5 (GN)

Lesson #4: Be filled with God's love.

THE KEY TO GETTING ALONG WITH PEOPLE IS ----**GOD'S GRACE**