

A Happy Home

Philippians 1:9-11

Intro: A truly happy home rests on Jesus Christ and his guidance. Paul's prayer in Philippians 1:9-11 helps us to see what we can do to show the love of Jesus in our families.

I. Intentional Love

"And this I pray, that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment." 1:9

Intentional love is focused love, thought about love.

- A. Intentional love chooses to love, in spite of small irks
As we live together small things become bigger things
- B. Intentional love can lose gracefully
Don't have to dominate and have the last word
- C. Intentional love fuses two hearts into one
This becomes more beautiful over the years (one flesh)
- D. Intentional love never abuses
Physically, verbally, emotionally, socially. :Treat them as own body

Text describes this love in two ways

- 1. That you keep growing in knowledge.
1 Peter 3:7 (love with understanding) knowledge with experience
- 2. Grow in every kind of discernment
Know what gets you in trouble : illicit relationships, anger

II. Informed Expectations

"So you can determine what really matters." 1:10

What do you offer the relationship?

2 Cor. 13:5 "Examine yourselves" same work as Philippians 1:10

- A. What is a husband to do in the relationship?
- B. What is a wife to do in the relationship?
- C. What are parents and children to do?

Do I expect more from my spouse than I demand from myself?

III. Impeccable Behavior, v. 11

"So that you can be pure and blameless"

- A. Must have the foundations right
Psalm 11:3
- B. Be filled with the fruit of righteousness, Philippians 1:11