

EXCELLENCE IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Philippians 1:9-11

-Paul's prayer for the believers in Philippi was that they would live in such a way that their lives would be filled with the fruits of righteousness. There are three things he prayed for that would produce the fruits of righteousness.

I. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. STEADFAST DEVOTION (v. 9)

A. An Abounding Love

B. A Growing Faith (knowledge)

C. A Spiritual Maturity (discernment)

2. SOUND DOCTRINE (v. 10) - How do you know what is excellent and what is not?

3. SINCERE DISCIPLESHIP (v. 10b)

A. Committed (Sincere)

B. Compliant (Without Offense)

C. Consistent (Until the day of Christ)

II. THE RESULT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. SUCCESSFUL DEPORTMENT (v. 11)

A. Filled with the fruits of righteousness

B. Faithful to the things of God