Paul's Prayer For Spiritual Progress 1:9-11

Stand and Read
Philippians 1:3-11 ***I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;***

v7 *just 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. For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.*

v9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.
Ephesians 1:15-17 *Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers. that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,*
Colossians 1:10 *that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and* ***increasing*** *in the knowledge of God.*
2 Timothy 1:3-5 *I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day. greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you.*
Philemon 1:4-5 *I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints,*

4 Essential Attributes of Christian Growth

1. Divine Love v9a
Romans 5:5 *...the love of God has been poured out in our hearts...*
John 13:35 *By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*
John 13:34-35 *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*
Romans 5:8 *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*
1 Corinthians 13:4-8 *Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.*
2. Knowledge and Discernment v9b
Ephesians 1:17 *that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,*
Colossians 1:9 *For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;*
3. Excellence In Evaluation v10
1 Thessalonians 5:12 *But examine everything carefully, and hold fast to what is best.*

The greatest use of excellence in evaluation is that it helps us to choose the things that honor God.

4. Personal Integrity v10b
1 Corinthians 10:23-24 *All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify. Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.*
Filled by the Holy Spirit v11
Philippians 1:11 *May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation, those good things that are produced in your life by Jesus Christ for this will bring much glory and praise to God. (NLT)*
Galatians 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*