



What Really Matters?

Philippians 1:10

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☀ Study Section – Philippians 1:10

STUDY VERSE - Philippians 1:10, NASB -¹⁰ *so that you may approve [lit., discern after a deep study] the things that are excellent [lit., highest worth], Jesus used this word in Matt. 6:26 when He asked, "Aren't you much more valuable than (the birds in the air)...", in order to be sincere [lit., sun-judged or approved, "like a shining splendor as of the sun" (Wuest)] and blameless [lit., not stumbling despite a gale, no accusation about personal sin, pure] until the day of Christ [cf., Our Lord will soon return to rapture the church and judge the world—we must be ready for that moment]. . . .*

Philippians 1:10, NLT -¹⁰ *For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return.*

Philippians 1:10, NCV -¹⁰ *that you will see the difference between good and bad and will choose the good; that you will be pure and without wrong for the coming of Christ. . . .*

Philippians 1:10, TLB -¹⁰ *for I want you always to see clearly the difference between right and wrong, and to be inwardly clean, no one being able to criticize you from now until our Lord returns.*

Philippians 1:10, GWT – *I want you to be able always to recognize what really matters and what really doesn't so you might live blameless lives because the Lord's return is at hand*

☀ Message Section

Philippians 1:10, NLT -¹⁰ *For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return.*

1 Corinthians 9:16, KJV (1900) - *...Woe is me if I do not preach the truth of the gospel!*

Matthew 12:25, NKJV -²⁵ *...(A) house divided against itself will not stand.**
 (*It was also quoted by Senator-elect Abraham Lincoln in his "House Divided Speech," June 16, 1858)

Daniel 4:17, NIV84 -¹⁷ *...The living (must) know that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes...*

A. Eight Steps We Must Take for America!

Primary Source: Adapted from David Barton (www.Wallbuilders.com)

1. Do first things first—pray for our country.
2. Teach your children to pray for our country.
3. Understand the historic role of Christianity in our nation's history.
4. Know the candidates—ask hard, Biblical questions.
5. Get involved in the political system.
6. Contact your candidates. *"They don't see the light until they feel the heat."*
7. Know the issues and stand up for what really matters.
8. Vote Biblical Values.

B. What Really Matters?

Non-Negotiables
The Sanctity of Human Life • The Sanctity of Marriage Freedom of Religion • Separation of Church from State
Very, Very Important
Freedom of Speech • Second Amendment (Gun Rights) • Pro-Israel Pro-Capitalism vs. Socialism • Strong Defense Conservative "Constitutionalist" Judges to the US Supreme Court Law and Order (pro-police) • Racism is an issue in our country Extremism is an issue in our country • Personal Responsibility Pro-Immigration (legally)
Significant Issues
Freedom of Education • Fetal Stem Cell Research/Utilization Public Schools focused on Education—not indoctrination Reasonable Environmental Stewardship • Statesmanship