

Philippians 1:9-30 "And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

- ▶ Later on in Philippians we see a similar discourse in chapter 4 that relates on what we should think on.

Philippines 4:8 "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

¹² I want you to know, brothers that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,

Romans 8:28 "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

Genesis 50:20 "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."

Attitude: A manner of thinking, feeling, or behaving that reflects a state of mind or disposition.

Classic Paul

Attitude: Excellent ✓

Characteristics: Always looking for the good in people and the circumstances. ✓

Outlook: Not dependent on the situation. ✓

Negative Mind-Set

1. Those who need certain things *before* they can be happy.
2. Those who are dependent on *others* for happiness.
3. Those who see happiness as *future*.

Positive Mind-Set

1. Those who need *virtually nothing* to have inner joy.
2. Those who depend on *Christ* for joy by the Holy Spirit.
3. Those who choose to experience joy *now* (it's a present experience).



¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.”

- ▶ It is noted that one of the reasons of the success of the spread of the gospel in the first century was because of the Roman infrastructure.
- ▶ No doubt that Paul preaching to the imperial guard produced conversions with credibility as well as far reaching results.
- ▶ Also, it was evident that Paul was not a criminal, but a faithful follower of the Way!

¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

Fear:

1. A very unpleasant or disturbing feeling caused by the presence or imminence of danger.
 2. A state or condition marked by this feeling.
 3. A feeling of disquiet or apprehension.
- ▶ The first type of **fear** is beneficial and to be encouraged.
 - ▶ Second type of fear detriment and is to be overcome.

1 John 4:13-21 “By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.”

