

**Finding Joy:
Invest in the spiritual growth of others
Philippians 1:1-11**

1 Paul
and
Timothy,

=bond-servants
of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints
in Christ Jesus
who are in Philippi,
including the overseers
and
deacons:

2 Grace
to you
and
peace
from God
our Father
and
the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God
in all my remembrance
of you,
4 always
offering prayer **with joy**
in my every prayer
for you all,
5 in view of your participation
in the gospel
from the first day
until now.
6 confident of this very thing,
that He
who began a good work
in you
will perfect it
until the day
of Christ Jesus.

⁷For

it is only right for me to feel this way
about you all,
because I have you in my heart,
since

both in my imprisonment
and in the defense
and
confirmation
of the gospel,

you all are partakers of grace
with me.

⁸For

God is my witness,
how I long for you all
with the affection
of Christ Jesus.

⁹And

this I pray,
that your love may abound
still more and more
in real knowledge
and
all discernment,

¹⁰so that you may approve the things that are excellent,
in order to be sincere
and
blameless
until the day
of Christ;

¹¹having been filled
with the fruit
of righteousness
which *comes* through Jesus Christ,
to the glory
and
praise
of God.