

Book:	<i>Philippians</i>
Series:	<i>Rejoice in the Lord!</i>
Lesson 3:	<i>Prayer for Perfection</i>
Text:	Philippians 1:9-11
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Next Lesson:	Philippians 1:12-18a

INTRODUCTION

We don't always know God's will for someone's physical well-being, but God's Word clearly tells us what His will is for our spiritual well-being—He Himself is working to “complete/perfect/finish” what He started in us (1:6; cf. 1:25). Let us then arrest the attention of God by offering prayers that are in agreement with His perfecting will (cf. 1 John 5:14-15).

In Philippians 1:9-11, Paul models such a prayer. He petitions God for three requests that together would cause God's work to be perfected within them. Let's learn from Paul what *praying for perfection* looks like.

**PRAY THAT _____ WOULD
MULTIPLY WITHIN THEM (vv. 9-10a).**

1. *Rich love is characterized by _____ (v. 9).*
2. *Rich love is characterized by _____ (v. 9).*
3. *Rich love is characterized by _____ (v. 10a).*

Application:

**PRAY THAT _____ WOULD
BE MASTERED BY THEM (vv. 10b-11a).**

1. *Righteous living is evidenced by _____ (v. 10b).*
2. *Righteous living is evidenced by _____ (v. 10b).*
3. *Righteous living is evidenced by _____ (v. 11a).*

Application:

**PRAY THAT THE _____ WOULD
BE MAGNIFIED THROUGH THEM (v. 11b).**

1. *We magnify God by putting Him on _____ (glory).*
2. *We magnify God by paying _____ to Him (praise).*

Application: