

Friends of Gold

Philippians 1:1-11

📖 Philippians 1:1–2 (NIV84) “Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: ² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

No God, **no** peace; **know** God, **know** peace.

They were on his mind.

📖 Philippians 1:3 (NIV84) “I thank my God every time I remember you.”

📖 Ephesians 1:16 (NIV) “I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.”

📖 1 Thessalonians 1:2 (NIV) “We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers.”

📖 Philemon 4 (NIV84) “I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers...”

They were by his side.

📖 Philippians 1:4–6 (NIV) “In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

1. Their **memory** produced **joy**. (4)

2. Their **partnership** had **longevity**. (5)

3. Their **walk** inspired **confidence**. (6)

They were in his heart.

📖 Philippians 1:7 (NIV) “It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me.”

📖 Philippians 1:8 (NIV) “God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.”

They were in his prayers.

📖 Philippians 1:9–11 (NIV) “And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.”

 **Digging Deeper:** In what ways do you see God at work in your life? Who do you have that encourages your walk with God? Who do you pray for on a regular basis? Does your prayer for them include their spiritual growth? Is there something specific that God wants to do with what you have heard today?