

**GROW HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**  
**#SermonRelationships**  
**Building A Stronger Family Part 2**  
**Dr. Mark Jackson, May 13, 2018**  
**Mother's Day**

**Philippians 1:1-11**

**Four Relational Habits**

**1. BE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE IN MY LIFE**

**Philippians 1:3** Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. (NLT)

**Philippians 1:5a** I thank God for the help you gave me... (NCV)

**2. PRAY JOYFULLY FOR THE PEOPLE IN MY LIFE**

**Philippians 1:4** Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy. (NLT)

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

***Pray they will...***

- Grow in LOVE

“...that your love will abound more and more...” vs. 9 (NCV)

- Make wise CHOICES

“...that you will fully know and understand how to make the right choices.” vs. 9b-10a (CEV)

- Live with INTEGRITY

“...may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ” vs. 10b (NLT)

- Become like JESUS

“...filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.” vs. 11 (NIV)

### 3. EXPECT THE BEST FROM THE PEOPLE IN MY LIFE

**Philippians 1:6** I am quite confident that the One who began a good work in you will go on completing it until the Day of Jesus Christ comes. (NJB)

#### How To Bring Out The Best In People

- I must **BELIEVE** in them
- I must give them a **VISION**
- I must be **PATIENT** with their **PROGRESS**

**Philippians 1:7a** It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart... (NIV)

### 4. DEEPLY LOVE THE PEOPLE IN MY LIFE

**Philippians 1:8** God is my witness that I tell the truth when I say that my deep love for you all comes from the heart of Christ Jesus himself. (TEV)

**1 John 3:16** This is how we know what real love is: Christ gave his life for us. We too, then, ought to give our lives for others! (TEV)

**1 Corinthians 13:1-3** What if I could speak all languages of humans and of angels? If I did not love others, I would be nothing more than a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.  
<sup>2</sup> What if I could prophesy and understand all secrets and all knowledge? And what if I had faith that moved mountains? I would be nothing, unless I loved others. <sup>3</sup> What if I gave away all that I owned and let myself be burned alive? I would gain nothing, unless I loved others. (CEV)