

Part 1 – A Cause for Thanksgiving

Read Philippians 1:3-5 and Colossians 3:15-17

- 1) For what does Paul say he is grateful?
- 2) How do our relationships with others affect our gratitude according to Colossians 3?
- 3) Make a list of whom you are thankful and why.

Part 2—A Cause for Confidence

Read Philippians 1:6 and 2 Timothy 1:12

- 1) Why was Paul confident concerning the Philippians?
- 2) How did Paul’s confidence (or persuasion) affect his commitments according to 2 Timothy 1:12?
- 3) Why do you think some Christians lack confidence today?

Part 3—A Cause for Fellowship

Read Philippians 1:5, 7, and Acts 2:41-47

- 1) What did Paul and the Philippians “share”?
- 2) According to Acts 2 how important should fellowship be to the church and why?
- 3) In what ways can you better experience Christian fellowship?

Part 4—A Cause for Affection

Read Philippians 1:7-8 and 1 John 3:17

- 1) In the culture of Bible times “bowels” were the seat of emotion much like the “heart” in today’s culture. Whose “bowels” were working in Paul and how is that significant?
- 2) According to 1 John 3:17 what is the link between our “bowels of compassion” and our relationship with God?
- 3) What causes you to “long after” fellowship with other believers?

Don't forget the Big Idea!

