

For Furthering the Gospel: Philippians 1:9–18

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INTRODUCTION

REVIEW

NEW EXPOSITION

Part 1: 1:9–11

Paul prays that they abound still more in knowledgeable/discerning love (1:9)

The goal for abounding in knowing and discerning love is to approve what matters (1:10a)

The motivation for approving what really matters is reward at the Bēma (1:10b)

Abundant righteous deeds through Christ's enablement yields reward at the Bēma (1:11a)

The ultimate objective of being rewardable at the Bema is that God receive glory (1:11b)

Part 2: 1:12–18

Paul's imprisonment furthered (did not hinder) the gospel (1:12)

Many Roman officials know that his imprisonment is for Christ [rather than for guilt] (1:13)

Also, many brethren were emboldened to proclaim the Christ's gospel fearlessly (1:14)

Some preached the gospel from jealousy and strife; others preached rightly (1:15)

Those brethren who preached from envy and strife sought gain at Paul's expense (1:16)

Those preaching rightly did it in love, knowing Paul was appointed for gospel defense (1:17)

Paul rejoices when the gospel is proclaimed, even by those with selfish motives (1:18)

CONCLUSION