

**Investing In Relationships: The Book Of Philippians**  
**“Invest In Thinking The Best” 1 of 8**  
**Cornerstone Church of Poway**  
**Pastor Ed Turley**  
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**Big Idea:** To enjoy the people in my life I need to invest in my relationships.

- **If I think the worst**, the relationship is always under pressure for failure.
- **If I think the best**, my attitude encourages them to live up to my belief in them.

**To Think The Best In My Relationships, I Need To:**

**1. Communicate Appreciation**

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

Every time I think of you, **I give thanks** to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you **with joy**,” **Philippians 1:3-4 (NLT2)**

“Don’t just pretend to love others. Really **love** them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.” **Romans 12:9-10 (NLT2)**

“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will **continue** His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”

**Philippians 1:6 (NLT2) Remember Verse**

“So it is right that I should **feel** as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my **imprisonment** and in **defending and confirming** the truth of the Good News. God knows how much I **love** you and long for you with the **tender compassion** of Christ Jesus.”

**Philippians 1:7-8 (NLT2)**

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**2. Develop A “Team” Mentality Rather Than A “Job” Mentality**

“for you have been my **partners** in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.” **Philippians 1:5 (NLT2)**

“Never speak harshly to an older man, but appeal to him **respectfully** as you would to your own father. Talk to younger men as you would to your own brothers. Treat older women as you would your mother, and treat younger women with all purity as

you would your own sisters. Take care of any widow who has no one else to care for her. But if she has children or grandchildren, their first responsibility is to **show godliness at home** and repay their parents by taking care of them. This is something that pleases God.” **1 Timothy 5:1-4 (NLT2)**

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” **Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)**

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### **3. Commit To Kingdom Praying**

“In all my prayers for all of you, I always **pray with joy.**”  
**Philippians 1:4 (NIV)**

- **Pray That They Will Grow In Love And Discernment**

“I pray that your **love** will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in **knowledge** and **understanding.** **Philippians 1:9 (NLT2)**

- **Pray That They Make Wise Choices**

For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return. **Philippians 1:10 (NLT2)**

- **Pray That They Will Have A Life-Changing Relationship With Jesus**

May you always be filled with the **fruit of your salvation**—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.” **Philippians 1:11 (NLT2)**

“Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life **worthy** of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be **humble and gentle.** Be **patient** with each other, **making allowance** for each other’s faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves **united** in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with **peace.**” **Ephesians 4:3 (NLT2)**

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➤ **Which attribute would make a difference in my relationships?**

**My next right step, I will invest in my relationships by:**

- Communicating my appreciation
- Developing a team mentality
- Praying for people in my life

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**Icebreaker:** What mail do you open first: Bills? Official looking stuff or personal letters? Why?

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What do you think about the concept of thinking the best inspires lifting up the relationship?

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**1. Communicate Appreciation**

**Read Philippians 1:1-8**

How did Paul communicate appreciation to the people at Philippi?

Describe his relationship with the people in the church?

What are some ways you like to communicate appreciation to the people in your life?

**Read Romans 12:9-10**

How does love and truth work together?

Pastor Ed mentioned in his family they praise in public and correct in private. How does correcting in private help in communication of love and respect?

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**2. Develop A “Team” Mentality Rather Than A “Job” Mentality**

**Read Philippians 1:5**

Pastor mentioned a “team” mentality understands the value and benefits of the whole team rather than individual gains or losses. Therefore, we encourage the success of the team and consider the needs and season of each team member.

How can a “team” mentality improve your family relationships?

Work relationships?

### **Read 1 Timothy 5:1-4**

How does treating everyone like respectful family help in a church?

At work?

### **Read Philippians 2:3-4**

How can this be applied in a work environment?

At home?

### **3. Commit To Kingdom Praying**

#### **Read Philippians 1:9-11**

How can you improve your prayer life by using these verses?

- **Pray That They Will Grow In Love And Discernment**

#### **Read Philippians 1:9**

What areas of discernment are you praying for you and your family members?

- **Pray That They Make Wise Choices.**

#### **Read Philippians 1:10**

What would it mean for you and your family to live more of a pure and blameless life?

- **Pray That They Will Have A Life-Changing Relationship With Jesus**

#### **Read Philippians 1:11**

How has your relationship with Jesus changed your life in the last few years?

What do you think He would like you to change in the next six months?

Close in Prayer: **Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.**

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