

Prayer Items - January 7th

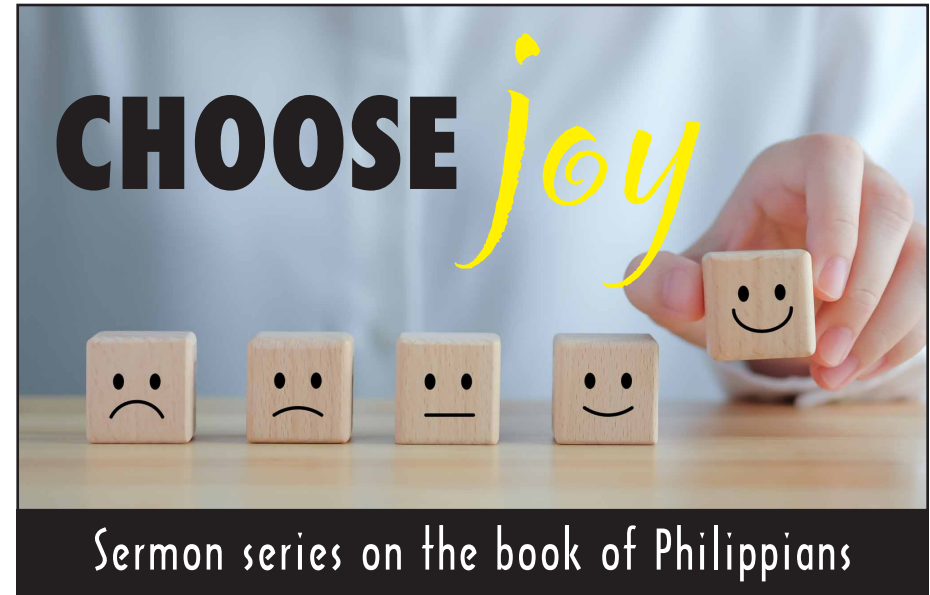
Wellington Storehouse Food Bank

- Praise God for faithful donors.
- For Linda Downey's steadfast devotion and work and blessings on her retirement.
- Pray for new foodbank leadership and volunteers.
- Thanks to service clubs, churches, businesses and individual donors to keep the food bank open.
- Pray for clients in need of food to be provided for.
- Those struggling with finances to feed their families.
- Donations of money and food to exceed needs.

Study Continued

9. Read Philippians 1:9-11. In his prayer, Paul indicates that as we grow in our love and start to understand the depth and breadth of that love, then our lives will be transformed. As our lives change then the world, in which we are partners in spreading the Gospel, will also be transformed. All this brings glory and praise to God. This is why Paul prays with joy. Therefore, if our lives are going to bring glory and praise to God, how then should we live?

10. Now, think again, what does it mean to "choose joy?"



*"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."
Philippians 1:6*

1. Grace, Peace, Partnership and Purpose 1:1-11



Grace, Peace, Partnership & Purpose - Philippians 1:1-11

To choose joy is...

GRACE & PURPOSE v.1-2

Servants of Christ

Saints =

Grace:

Peace:

v.2 Grace and peace ____

Eph 3:20; 2 Cor 12:9; John 14:27; Phil 4:6-7

PARTNERSHIP v.3-5

Partnership - comes from the Greek word 'koinonia' =
Acts 2:42

Who am I in partnership with and why?

From the first day until now:

PURPOSE v.6-11

v.6 What is the work that God began in us?:

What can we be confident of?

Paul's prayer for the fulfillment of our purpose (v.9-11):

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1. What does it mean to "choose joy?"

2. Read Philippians 1:1-2. What does it mean to be a servant of Jesus?

Who, and what, are the "saints?"

3. Define grace.

Define peace.

Paul writes in verse 2, "Grace and peace to you?" What does it mean to have the grace and peace of Christ be ours?

(Also read Ephesians 3:20; 2 Corinthians 12:9; John 14:27 & Philippians 4:6-7)

4. Read Philippians 1:3-8. Why does Paul say that he prays with joy?

5. Who are we in partnership with and why?

6. Read Acts 16:11-40. Paul's initial visit to Philippi was very eventful. He suffered greatly at the hands of people, but also saw the hand of God at work mightily. It was this that enabled he and Silas to be singing hymns at midnight while they were in prison. What does this teach us about what it means to choose joy?

7. What did Paul say that he was confident of?

How does God bring this about in our lives?

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