



## Live a Lover's Life

### Study of Philippians

What does “the God-kind-of-love” really mean? What would it practically look like in my own life if I “followed Paul’s example as he followed Christ” (I Cor 11:1); or if I experienced the passion Paul exemplified when he said, “For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Phil 1:21)? How can this attitude of Jesus Christ, “Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant . . .” be prevalent in my own character?

Lesson	Study Passage
#1	Philippians 1
#2	Philippians 2
#3	Philippians 3
#4	Philippians 4

#### Key Passage:

*So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well.*

*Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover's life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God.*

- Philippians 1:9-11 (The Message)

For each lesson, review and meditate on the designated passage, allowing the Holy Spirit’s guidance in answering the following questions. Record your insights.

1. In what ways does the Apostle Paul exemplify “a lover’s life” in this chapter?
2. What revelations motivate and energize Paul’s love for the Lord and for people?
3. In what specific ways is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond personally so that you:
  - a. “learn how to love appropriately” and
  - b. “live a lover’s life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul?”
4. In what specific ways do you believe the Holy Spirit is prompting you to respond within your community (family, ministry, business, congregation) so that:
  - a. your “love will flourish” and
  - b. your service makes “Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God?”

