

Being a Man of Appreciation and Gratitude! ...*Philippians 1:3-11*

"Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good." ...Romans 12:9

1. BE... a Man of Appreciation and Gratitude...

Scripture: ***Philippians 1:3-5***

- Appreciation... How you _____ about someone's qualities and/or role in your life!
- Gratitude... What you _____ about it!
 - Note to Remember: Unspoken Gratitude is Worthless!
- Appreciation for the People in Your Life... even the Parts You Don't Understand!
 - Sanctification is a Process: **Romans 12:1-2**, (Ephesians 2:10)...
 - We are Not all the Same: **Romans 12:3-6**, (1Corinthians 12:12-27)...

2. BE... a Man of Encouragement...

Scripture: ***Philippians 1:6***

- We are Secure in the Lord...Safe and Equipped: **Romans 8:31-35 / 37-39**...
- Look to Encourage...Always!: **Philippians 4:4-9 / 4:11-13**

3. BE... a Man of Love...

Scripture: ***Philippians 1:7-11***

- **Romans 12:9-10**...

4. BE... a Man of GOD... Ever-Thankful to Jesus...

Scripture: ***Philippians 2:3-8, Philippians 2:9-11***

- **Titus 3:4-8**...
- Communion... A Time of Appreciation and Gratitude. (1Corinthians 11:23-26)

Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...*be descriptive!*

2. READ *Romans 12:9-18* together... Based on this scripture and tonight's message, in what specific ways can you practically apply each of the qualities described to your closest relationships, and with other people in your life?

- Of the characteristics mentioned in these verses, which do you struggle with the most?
- Which are you going to commit to grow in and apply in your closest relationships *Today*?

3. Is there anything from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? In what way(s) does it affect your life?

How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)