



**Title** | Building a Foundation  
**Series** | Building a Better Church  
**Text** | Philippians 1:7-11  
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# Sermon Notes

Philippians 1:7 Just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. 8 For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.  
*NKJV*

## Big Idea:

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**Philippians 1:9** And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, *NKJV*

## For Reflection and Application:

### Monday:

Koinonia or fellowship, means everyone is working together to ensure the success of a business. The “business” of Moon Valley Bible is to Bring Life to our community. Take a moment to review the four aspects of how we can bring the life of Jesus on our website. How well we succeed in these four areas determines our success in Bringing Life. Which of these four aspects needs improvement in your life? In the life of Moon Valley Bible?

### Tuesday:

In verse 7, Paul uses the word koinonia to indicate the Philippians were working with him, even though they weren't physically with him. What are some ways we can work together as a church body to Bring Life to Phoenix?

### Wednesday:

Paul prayed that the Philippian's love would abound more and more. The specific Greek word used here for love is agape, often described as, “love in action.” What are some specific actions could we take to demonstrate our love for one another and our community in order to Bring Life?

### Thursday:

According to verse 9, the end result of abounding in love is knowledge and discernment. Knowledge refers to love based on a relationship while discernment refers to social situations. How can our love affect our relationships and social situations? How can our relationships and social situations affect our love?

### Friday:

In verse 11, Paul wants the Philippians to be filled with the fruits of righteousness. We looked at several passages to see what these fruits are and found that the greatest fruit a Christian can produce is love. Why do you think that is?

### **Daily Prayer:**

Father, I thank you for your love. I pray that your love would fill our hearts so that, in unity, we would succeed in our mission to Bring Life to our community. Amen.