

Philippians 1.1–26

Intro: 2 portraits...

1. The Model Church, verses 1-11

a) Praise God for evidence of genuine gospel partnership, verses 3-8

- i) Personal loyalty to Paul, 1.7
- ii) Proclaiming Christ with Paul, 1.7
- iii) Praying for Paul, 1.19
- iv) Paying for Paul, 4.15

Be encouraged by Paul

Be thankful like Paul

b) Praying for the model church, verses 9-11

Have a go at putting verses 9-11 into your own words, paying particular attention to the logical flow of Paul's prayer.

More fruit...

2. The Model Pastor

i) Rejoice whenever Christ is preached – whatever the cost, verses 12-18a

a. By Paul

b. By others

- some for good reasons

- some for selfish reasons

ii) Rejoice whenever believers make progress – whatever the cost, vv.'s 12b-26

Conclusion

Life is fleeting...