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**Christian Progress**

*‘Understanding love as a maturing Christian.’*

**Text: Philippians 1:9-11**  9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. **English Standard Version**

*In order to mature as a Christian, you must…*

**Point #1: Develop \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! (v. 9)**

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**Point #2: Determine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! (v. 10)**

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**Point #3: Dedicate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! (v. 11)**

**Corollary Verses:** Eph 5:2; John 15:13: Phil 3:8-10; Rom 5:5b; Heb 5:14; 1 Cor 13:4-7;1 Thess 5:21; Rom 12:2; Eph 5:10; John 15:4-5; John 15:8; 1 Cor 10:31

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) Read **Ephesians 5:2, John 15:13** and **Luke 7:36-47,** then answer the following questions. How does biblical love differ from the world? Does the church body display this love to each other? How can members of the church display this kind of love to one another?

2.) Read **Hebrews 5:14** and **1 Corinthians 13:4-7,** then answer the following questions. How can we tell if we are finally on “solid food” and done with “milk”? How does biblical knowledge and discernment apply to our application of biblical love (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)? Is loving “blindly” using discernment? If not, why?

3.) Read **1 Thessalonians 5:21, Romans 12:2, Ephesians 5:10,** and **Philippians 2:3-4,** then answer the following questions.When faced with a conflict between brethren, or a sin that a fellow believer is “caught” in, how does discernment play into lovingly resolving the situation? Ignoring the problem can be easier than addressing it, but does it please God? Does this change your perception on biblical love?

4.) Read **1 Peter 1:22, Philippians 1:9-10** and **Romans 5:5b** and answer the following questions. How does obedience to the Word allow us to love our Christian brothers more? Are we able to do this apart from Christ? How does biblical love, obedience to the Word, purity of intentions and bearing fruit bring glory to God?