

SANCTIFICATION DESCRIBED

Philippians 1:9-11

I. “And This I Pray” – vs. 9a

Ephesians 1:16-18

Ephesians 3:14-19

Colossians 1:10

Hebrews 10:24

II. Increasing, Overflowing Love – vs. 9b

Agapē - the love of God for man and of man for God. A love based not on the recipient's merit, based rather on the intent of the one who loves (human to human)

Matthew 22:37-40

1 John 4:7-8

Galatians 5:22

Matthew 5:43-46

John 13:35

John 15:12-13

Ephesians 5:1-2

Philippians 2:3-4

III. Love Based On Knowledge And Discernment – vs. 9c

Epignōsis - Precise and correct knowledge. Used in the NT of the knowledge of things ethical and divine.

Colossians 1:9-10

2 Peter 1:2

Aisthēsis - cognition, discernment. Of moral discernment in ethical matters.

IV. Approval Of Proper Christian Conduct – vs. 10a

Dokimazō - to test, examine, prove, scrutinize (to see whether a thing is genuine or not), as metals. To recognize as genuine after examination, to approve, deem worthy.

1 Corinthians 3:13

Romans 12:2

1 Thessalonians 5:21

2 Peter 3:18

V. Integrous Living – vs. 10b

Eilikrinēs – 1) pure, sincere, unsullied 2) found pure when *unfolded* and examined by the sun's light.

Hebrews 4:12

Aproskopos – Blameless. Not giving offense, not causing one to stumble

Acts 24:16

1 Corinthians 10:32

VI. Good Works For God's Glory – vs. 11

Amos 6:12

James 3:18

Galatians 5:22-23

Ephesians 2:10

John 15:4-5

John 15:8

1 Corinthians 10:31

Closing Thought: As God's chosen people we, by definition, will be growing in our love for God and His people. Our sanctification will take place as our knowledge and discernment increase, unto recognizing righteousness. This recognition leads to living with integrity to Christ's commands to the glory of God. Does this describe your life? Not works unto faith, rather works because of real faith, built on discerning God's plan for living to bring Him glory.