

The Year of Harvest

Prayer Guide

Week 42

The Year of Harvest – The Fruit of Our Labors

according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.

Philippians 1:20 (NKJV)



Prayer Focus: In these verses, the Apostle Paul is opening himself up to the Philippian believers and sharing the inner desires of His heart. Even though there may be some that preach Christ for other reasons, the great desire of Paul's heart, the passion and purpose of his life was that "Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death." He goes on to say in verse 21; *For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.* Paul's greatest passion for his life was that the fruit of his labors, the fruit of his life would be that Christ would be made greater in through the way that he conducted his life. We work for many different reasons. We work to pay the bills for our home, and the food, and clothing needs of our families, or ourselves. We work because we desire to have some kind of fulfillment in our lives, to make us feel like there is some greater purpose for our lives. Paul had found that greater purpose. His desire was that the fruit of his labors, of his working hard would be the Christ would be magnified. His priority was to glorify Christ in his life here because he knew that he only had this life, this opportunity to magnify Christ in the way he lived, because after this life, he would be with Christ Himself and that would be far better than life here. What is the goal, the purpose of your labors in this life? Is it simply to get by and pay the bills, or do you have in your heart, as did the Apostle Paul, that through your life, Christ might be magnified. This will be the greatest fruit that we can produce, to magnify Him.

- Day 1:** Read and meditate over Paul's testimony in Philippians chapter 1, catch his heart.
- Day 2:** Examine your own heart. Do you have kind of desire to spend your life for Christ?
- Day 3:** Repent for any ways that you have not magnified Jesus in the way you have lived.
- Day 4:** Ask the Holy Spirit to give you that same hearts desire to magnify Christ that Paul had.
- Day 5:** Pray that this desire to magnify Christ through our lives will be taught in your church.
- Day 6:** Pray for other believers in your city to embrace this heart to magnify Christ in their lives.
- Day 7:** Lift up the missionaries that you know to be strengthened in their ministries to lift up Christ.