

## “...walk worthily...” from the Book of Philippians

**Scripture Block:** Pp 1:1-11

**Theme:** GOD’S EXPECTATION OF FRUITFUL SERVICE

**Life verse:** Pp 1:9-11

**Today’s passage:** Pp 1:10

### Notes

### Interpretation

Moving right into verse 10:

**“that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,”**

There are a number of interesting words in this verse—all related to the concept of our future evaluation by the Lord. The word translated “approve”, means to test for value for the purpose of affirming that which is superior.

“Sincere” literally means to be “pure when held to the light” and would be applied to such situations as checking a potter’s work by holding it up to the sunlight, to look for flaws, before making a purchase. “Without offense” carries the idea of without spot or blemish.

Now let’s make sure we carry the context from our previous lessons. Paul frames a series of comments in the context of evangelism: the reality of God’s efforts to promote experiential sanctification in the life of the believer, the desire for love to be applied via evangelism, and now an emphasis on making wise choices leading to a certain quality of life. Do you see the connection? Paul has in mind that we are all going to appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ to give an account for our lives (2 Cr 5:10), and with that in mind, he wants us to make wise decisions leading to lives that will stand the light of God’s scrutiny and be without spot or blemish.

### Application

We face many, many choices in life. This verse is a tremendous encouragement to test the value associated with our choices, and affirm that which is superior. Let me give you one very practical example—when you flip the channel on your television, are you testing the programming that comes your way for value? Do you affirm that which is superior and reject that which is not—even if it means walking away from the television? And of course there are many other areas where we should be “testing for value, and affirming the superior”, in fact we should be doing so in every aspect of the way we make use of our time, resources and energies.