

Questions for Consideration—*With the Master In Fullness of Joy*

Lesson 1— Introduction to Philippians—Philippians 1:1-5

1. Read Philippians chapter one making note of all the times Paul mentions joy or rejoicing.

2. Memorize Philippians 1:3.

3. (a) Read Act 16 and discover how God divinely sent Paul to Philippi. (b) What things happened that caused Paul to write things in his letter like “I thank my God upon every remembrance of you”; “I have you in my heart...”; “I long after you all...”?

4. Read Philippians 1:1-8 along with Galatians 1:1-8. (a) What is the contrast here in the tone of these letters written by Paul? (b) Why?

5. Read Acts 7:58 and Acts 9:1-16. (a) What was Paul’s life like before he was a “servant” of Jesus Christ? (b) What hope does this give you for your own life and for those you are praying for that are without Christ?

6. One of the first ways we can experience joy in our attitudes towards others is by learning to thank God for them. (a) Every day this week spend extra time thanking the Lord for others, especially for those “unlovely” people in your life. (b) What did you learn by doing this?

7. Write at least one note to someone this week to let them know that you thank God for them (and why) and that you are praying for them. (If you are) Perhaps include in your note what things you are praying for.

8. What do you hope to gain from this study? Please write it in the form of a request to God.