

**That ye may approve things that are excellent  
(Phil 1:9)**

**Phil 1:9** And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more (\*)**in knowledge and in all judgment**; **10** That ye may **(1)approve** things that are **(2)excellent**; that ye may be **(3)sincere** and **(4)without offence** till the day of Christ; (KJV)

(\*)**in knowledge-1 Cor 1:23** But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; **24** But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God**. **25** Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (KJV)

**Definitions:** **(1) approve** things -1381 dokimazo (dok-im-ad'-zo); from 1384; to test (literally or figuratively); by implication, to approve: KJV-- **ALLOW, DISCERN**, examine, X like, (ap-) prove, try. **(2) that are excellent**-1308 diaphero-1) to distinguish between good and evil, lawful and unlawful, to approve of things that excel, to differ from one 2) to excel, to surpass one c) impersonally, it makes a difference, it matters, it is of importance. **(3) that ye may be sincere**-1506 eilikrines (i-lik-ree-nace'); from heile (the sun's ray) and 2919; judged by sunlight, i.e. tested as genuine (figuratively): KJV-- pure, sincere. **(4)without offence**-677 aproskopos (ap-ros'-kop-os); from 1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of 4350; actively, inoffensive, i.e. not leading into sin; passively, faultless, i.e. not led into sin: KJV-- none (void of, without) offence.

**Phil 1:10 ... ye may** (KJV)

**IKing 3:9** Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? (KJV)

**Eccl 8:5** Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment. (KJV)

**Isa 7:10** Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, **11** Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. **12** But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. **13** And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? **14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. **15** Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good. **16** For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings. (KJV)

**Isa 11:1** And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: **2** And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; **3** And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: **4** But with righteousness shall he judge the

poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.(KJV)

**Amos 5:14** Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. **15** Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph. (KJV)

**Micah 3:1** And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know judgment? **2** Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; **3** Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron. **4** Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings. **5** Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him. (KJV)

**John 3:20** For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds **(1)should be reprovod.** (KJV)

**Definition: (1)should be reprovod**-1651 elegcho-1) to convict, to refute, to confute a) generally with a suggestion of shame of the person convicted b) by conviction to bring to the light, to expose 2) to find fault with, correct a) by word: 1) to reprehend severely, to chide, to admonish, to reprove 2) to call to account, to show one his fault, to demand an explanation b) by deed: to chasten, to punish

**Rom 2:18** And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law; (KJV)

**Rom 7:16** If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. (KJV)

**Rom 7:22** For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: (KJV)

**Rom 8:7** Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. (KJV)

**Rom 12:2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (KJV)

**Phil 1:10 ... approve things that are excellent;** (KJV)

**Job 34:3** For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat. (KJV)

**Rom 12:2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (KJV)

**2 Cor 11:13** For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. **14** And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. **15** Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. (KJV)

**Eph 5:10** Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. (KJV)

**1Thes 5:21** Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. (KJV)

**Heb 5:8** Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; **9** And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; **10** Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec. **11** Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. **12** For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. **13** For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. **14** But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.(KJV)

**I Jn 4:1** Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. (KJV)

**Rev 2:2** I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: (KJV)

**Phil 1:10 ... that ye may be sincere and** (KJV)

**Josh 24:14** Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

**John 1:47** Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! (KJV)

**Acts 24:16** And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. (KJV)

**2 Cor 1:12** For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward. (KJV)

**2 Cor 2:17** For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ. (KJV)

**2 Cor 8:8** I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love. (KJV)

**Eph 4:15** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (KJV)

**Phil 1:16** The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: (KJV)

**1Thes 3:13** To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. (KJV)

**Titus 2:7** In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, (KJV)

**Phil 1:10 ... without offence** (KJV)

**Deut 22:8** When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence. (KJV)

**Matt 16:23** But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. (KJV)

**Matt 18:6** But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. **7** Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! (KJV)

**Matt 26:33** Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. (KJV)

**John 15:26** But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: **27** And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

**John 16:1** These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. **2** They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. **3** And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. **4** But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you. **5** But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? **6** But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. **7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.(KJV)

**Rom 14:13** Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. (KJV)

**Rom 14:20** For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. **21** It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. (KJV)

**Rom 16:17** Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. (KJV)

**1 Cor 2:15** But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. (KJV)

**1 Cor 8:13** Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend. (KJV)

**1 Cor 10:32** Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

**2 Cor 6:3** Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: (KJV)

**Gal 5:11** And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased. (KJV)

**Phil 2:15** That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; (KJV)

**1Thes 3:13** To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. (KJV)

**1Thes 5:23** And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (KJV)

**1 Tim 6:3** If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; **4** He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, **5** Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. **6** But godliness with contentment is great gain. **7** For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. **8** And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. **9** But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. **10** For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. **11** But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. **12** Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. **13** I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and

before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; **14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable**, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: (KJV)

**2 Pet 3:14** Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. (KJV)

**I Jn 2:10** He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. (KJV)

**Phil 1:10 ... till the day of Christ;** (KJV)

**1 Cor 1:8** Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (KJV)

**2 Cor 1:14** As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus. (KJV)

**Phil 1:6** Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: (KJV)

**Phil 3:20** For our **(1)conversation** is in heaven; from whence also **(2)we look for** the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: (KJV)

**Definitions:** **(1)**For our **conversation** is in heaven-4175 politeuma (pol-it'-yoo-mah); from **4176**; a community, i.e. (abstractly) citizenship (figuratively), 1) the administration of civil affairs or of a commonwealth 2) the constitution of a commonwealth, form of government and the laws by which it is administered 3) a state, a commonwealth; the commonwealth of citizens: KJV-- conversation. **4176** politeuomai (pol-it'-yoo'-om-ahee);middle voice of a derivative of 4177; to behave as a citizen (figuratively), 1) to be a citizen 2) to administer civil affairs, to manage the state 3) to make or to create a citizen a) to be a citizen b) to behave as a citizen 1) to avail oneself of or recognize the laws 2) to conduct oneself as pledged to some law of life: KJV-- let conversation be, live. **(2)we look for**-553 apekdechomai (ap-ek-dekh'-om-ahee);from 575 and 1551; to expect fully, assiduously and patiently waiting for: KJV-- look (wait) foreign

**2 Pet 3:11** Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, **12 (1)Looking for** and **(2)hasting** unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? (KJV)

**Definitions:** **(1)Looking for**-4328 prosdokao (pros-dok-ah'-o); from 4314 and dokeuo (to watch); to anticipate (in thought, hope or fear), 1) to expect (whether in thought, in hope, or in fear) 2) to look for, to wait for; by implication, to await: KJV-- (be in) expect (-ation), look (for), when looked, tarry, wait for. **(2)hasting** unto the coming-4692 speudo (spyoo'-do); probably strengthened from 4228; to "speed" ("study"), i.e. urge on (diligently or earnestly); by implication, to await eagerly, 1) to haste, to make haste 2) to desire earnestly: KJV-- (make, with) haste unto.