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Paul's Prayer for the Saints @ Philippi

Philippians 1:9-11

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⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment;
¹⁰ That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; ¹¹ Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.



Philippians 1:9

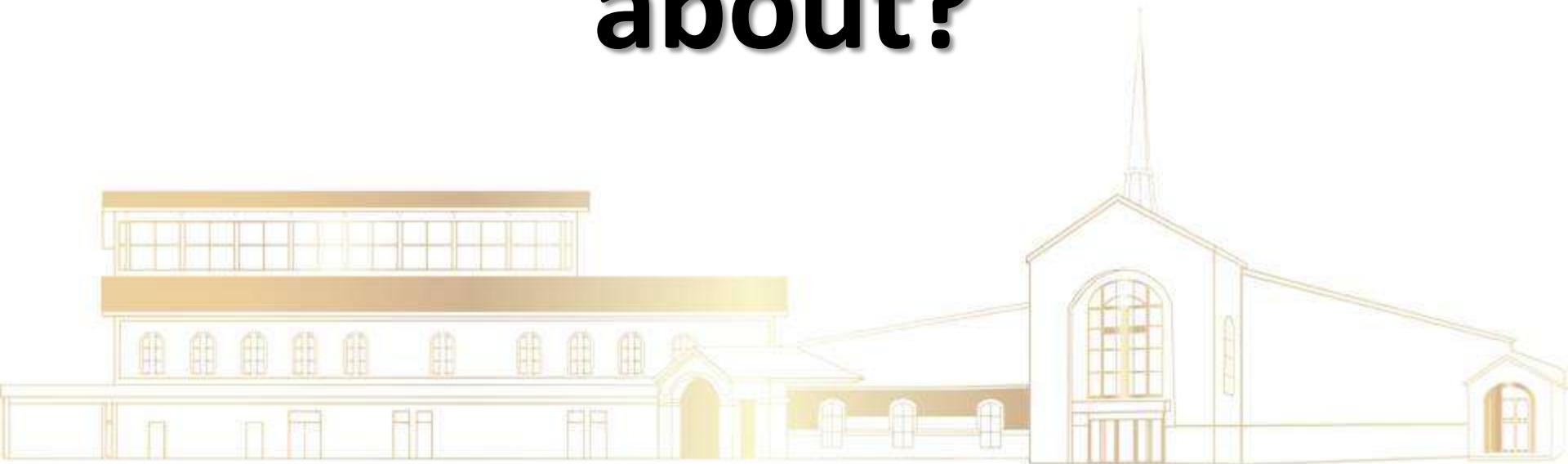
•And this I pray,

that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment;

Do you pray?

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**Is health & wealth the
#1 thing you pray
about?**



Health & Wealth

- 1) Do you pray for health to work more?
- 2) Do you pray for wealth so you can be more generous?

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Luke 11:1-4

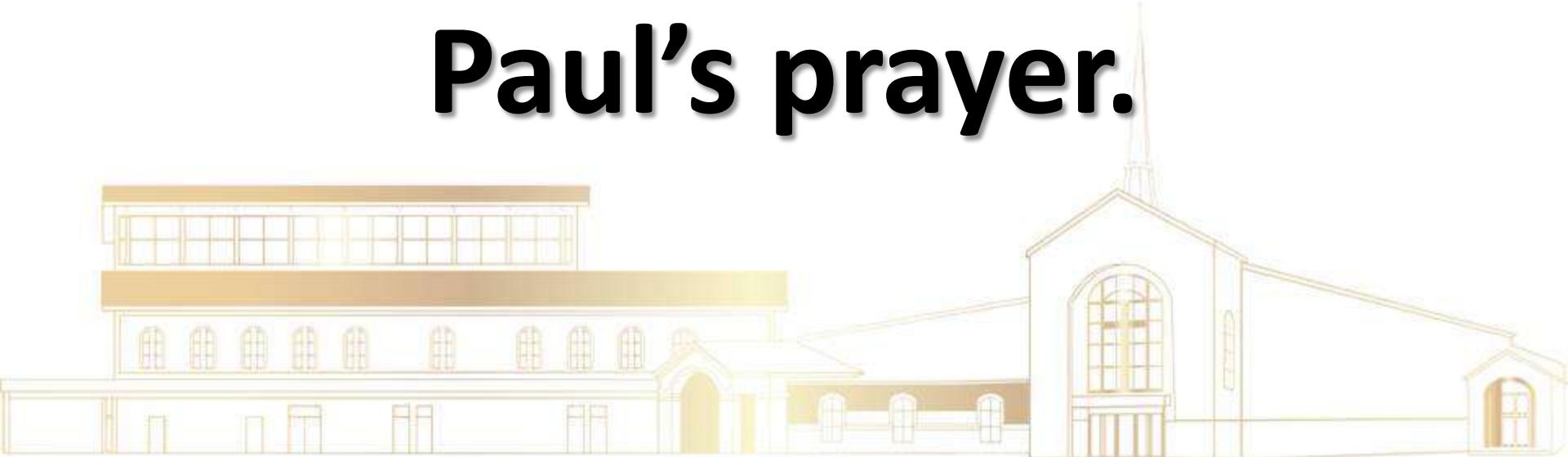
1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. 2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

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**Now let's connect 'thy
will be done as in
heaven so in earth' to
Paul's prayer.**





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**Love abounding is the
most God glorying work
the Holy Spirit can
perform in our hearts.**



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**Not the love of pizza,
soccer, fast cars, big
trucks, video games,
cute babies, or cast
iron—this is a different
kind love.**

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Turn to 1 John 4 to read
the Apostle John's
dissertation on love

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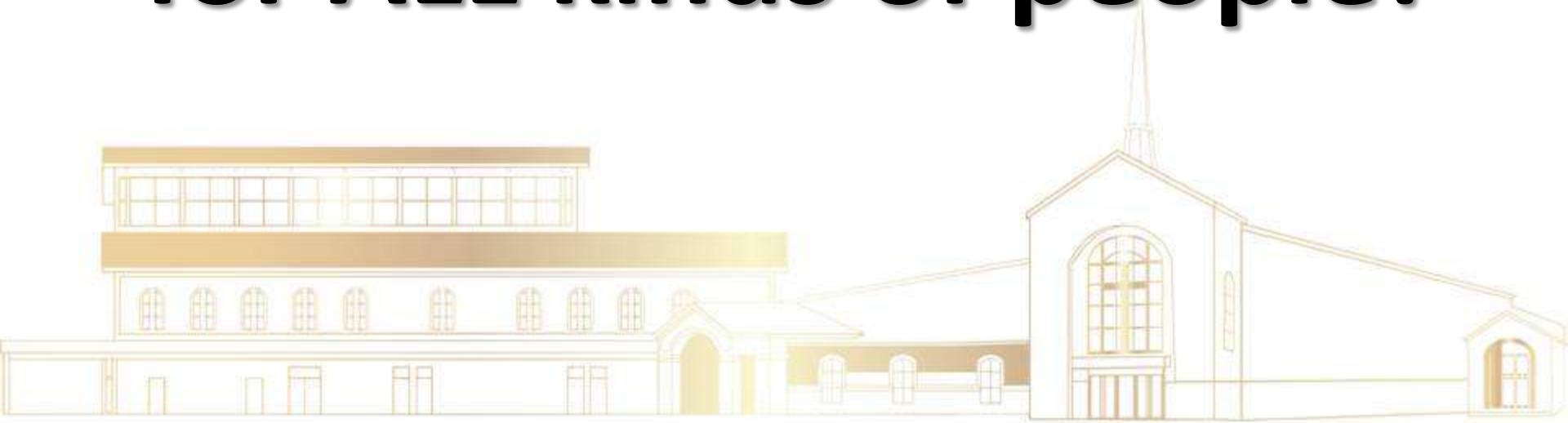
Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

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**Christians have an
authentic sincere love
for ALL kinds of people!**



Matthew 5:43-44

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, **Love your enemies** and pray for those who persecute you,

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Luke 6:32-34

“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you?

For even sinners love those who love them.

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John 13:34-35

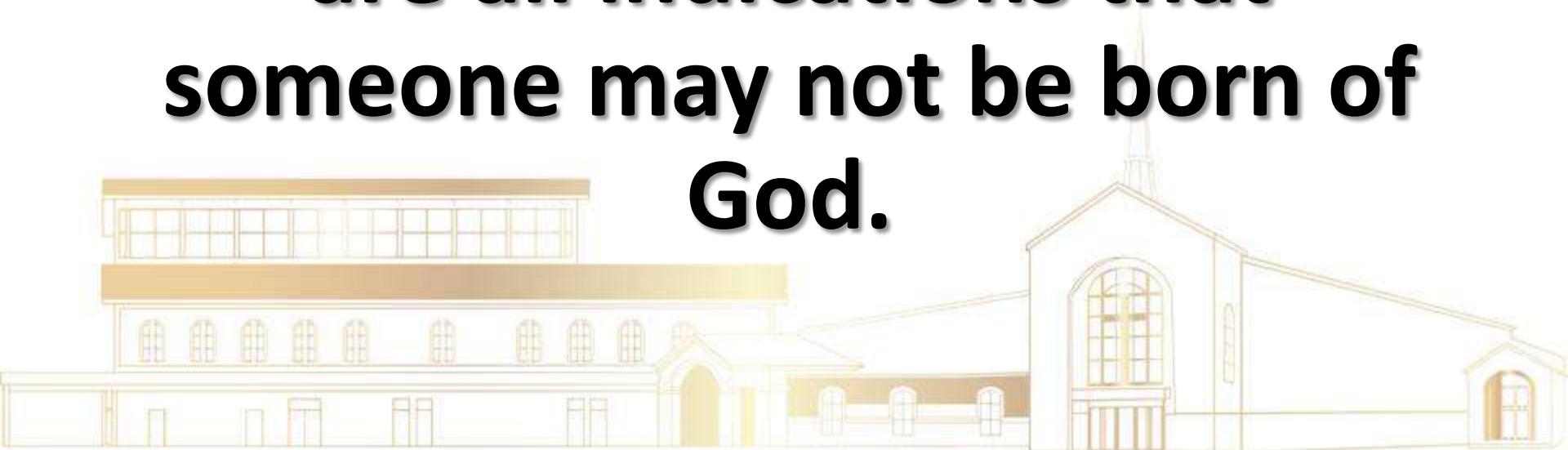
A new commandment I give to you, **that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.** ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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**Hateful, rude, unpleasant,
inconsiderate, ungrateful,
selfish, self-serving behavior
are all indications that
someone may not be born of
God.**





Philippians 1:9 (ESV)

- And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,

I want you to tell me if you agree or disagree with this statement on the next slide...

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**Ignorant people make
potentially more stupid
decisions than those
with more knowledge.**



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Notice

How Paul is linking abounding
love to growing knowledge
and discernment.

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Philippians 1:9 (KJV)

- And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in

knowledge **and in all**
judgment;



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The Fact Is:
**Life is full of
judgments.**

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Why is knowledge so important?

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Philippians 1:10 (ESV)

•so that you may approve
what is excellent,



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**Would you agree that the
more knowledge you possess
about a car that you are
potentially buying increases
the probability you will make
a wise decision?**

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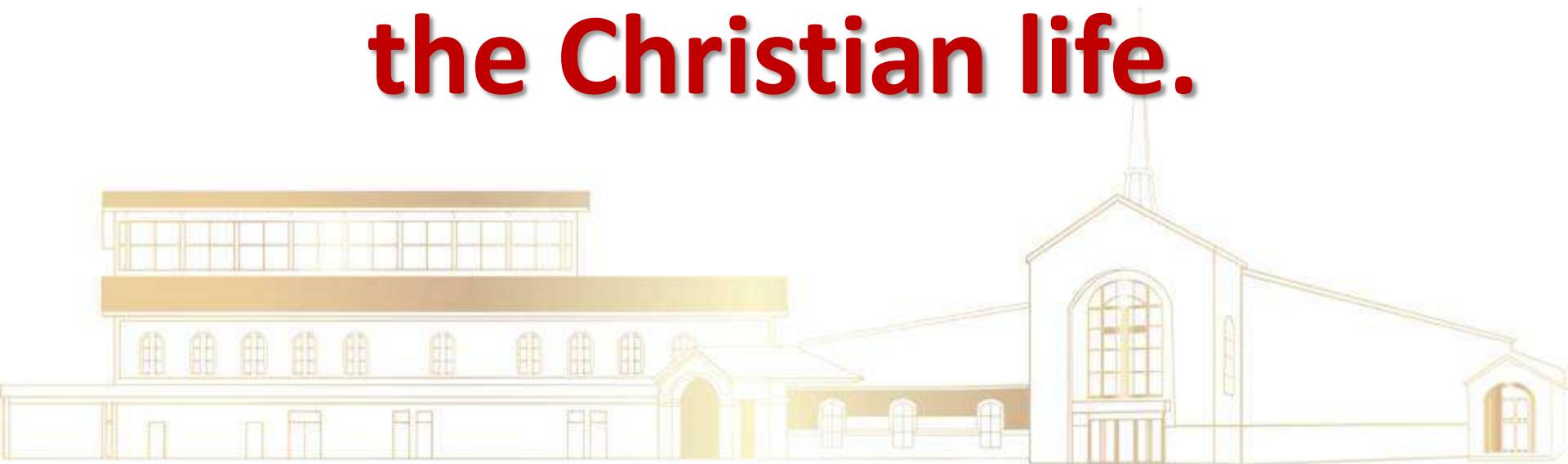
What is the purpose of putting the calorie count on a menu board?

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Paul is applying the more knowledge leads to a wise decision principle to all of the Christian life.





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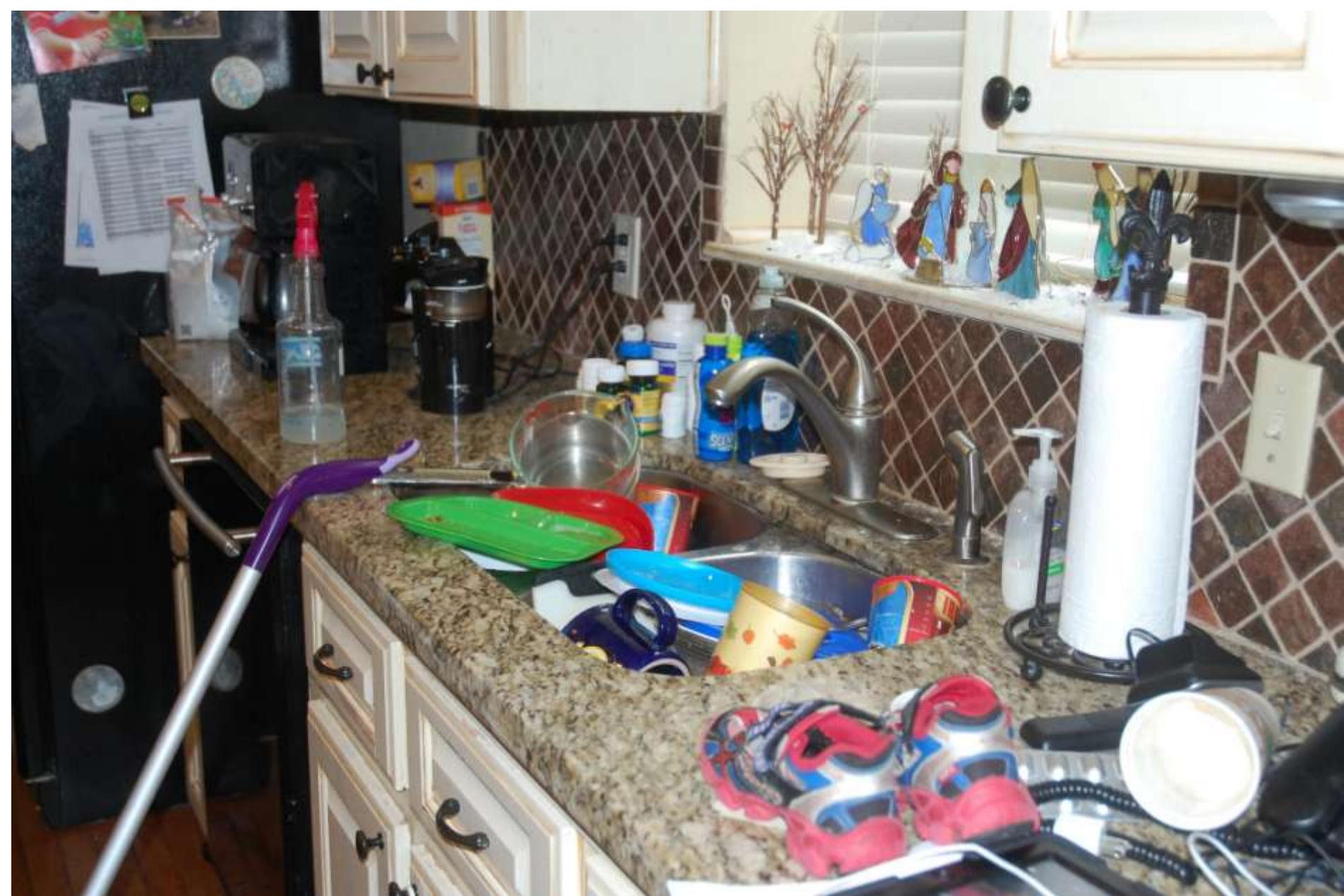
Is this an excellent use of my time?



It may be for 5 minutes.

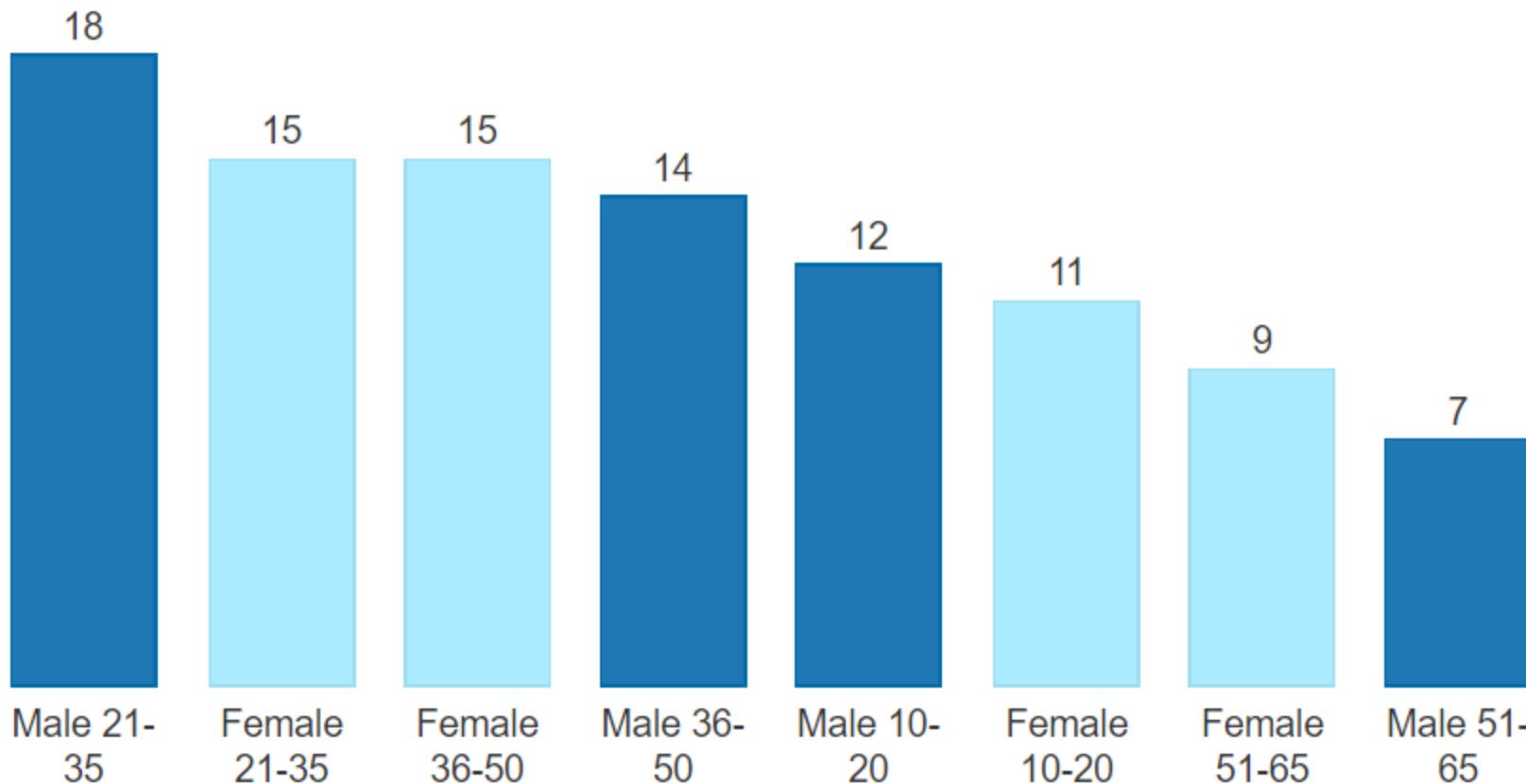
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The changing face of video games

Of the 190 million people playing games in the U.S., the stereotypical gamer -- boys and men between 10 and 25 -- represents only about 15 percent.



Source: Newzoo

The Washington Post

Is this an excellent use of my time?
Is this an excellent purchase?



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Is this an excellent choice?

Is this an excellent value?



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Is this an excellent choice?

Is this an excellent value?

Is this an excellent decision?

More knowledge
leads to excellent
decisions.

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1 Corinthians 10:23

All things are lawful for me,
**but all things are not
expedient [beneficial]:**
all things are lawful for me,
but all things edify not.

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Ephesians 5:10

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Proving what is acceptable
unto the Lord.

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and try to discern what is
pleasing to the Lord.

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Question

If I am saved why is
this such a big
deal?

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Notice the Words

v. 10

“the day of Christ”

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Philippians 1:10 (KJV)

- That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence

till the day of Christ;



Philippians 1:10 (ESV)

- so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

εἰς

Transliteration

eis

Pronunciation

ās (Key)

**Part of Speech**

preposition

Root Word (Etymology)

A primary preposition

Dictionary Aids

Vine's Expository Dictionary: [View Entry](#)

TDNT Reference: 2:420,211

KJV Translation Count — Total: 1,774x

The KJV translates Strong's G1519 in the following manner: *into* (573x), *to* (281x), *unto* (207x), *for* (140x), *in* (138x), *on* (58x), *toward* (29x), *against* (26x), *miscellaneous* (322x).

Which One?

Till or For

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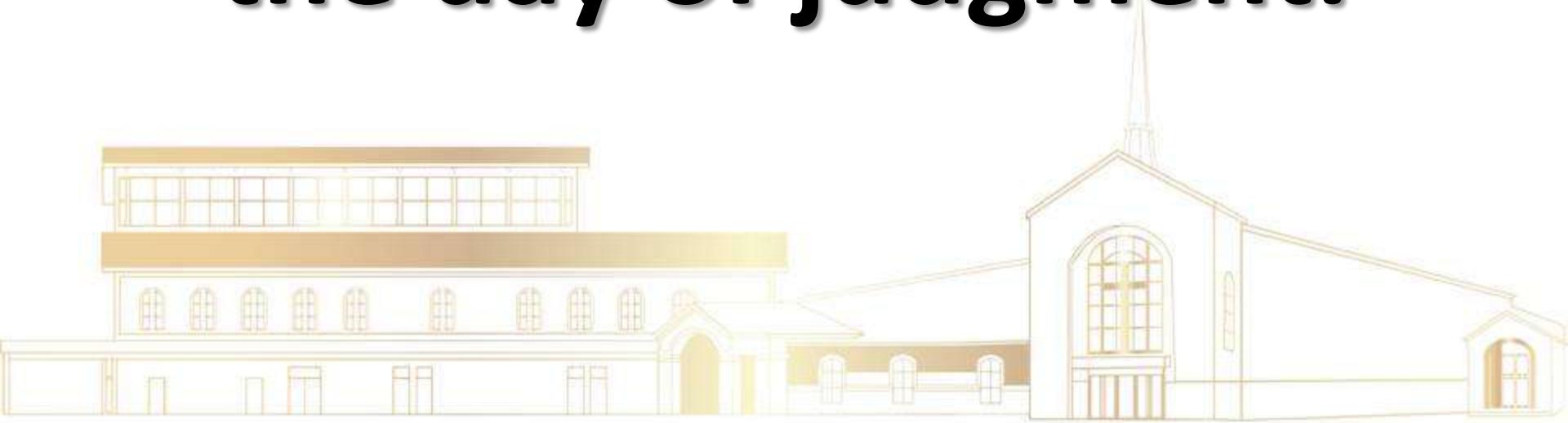
Both!

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**The way I live my life
matters for now and at
the day of judgment.**



1 Corinthians 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.

ESV

Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

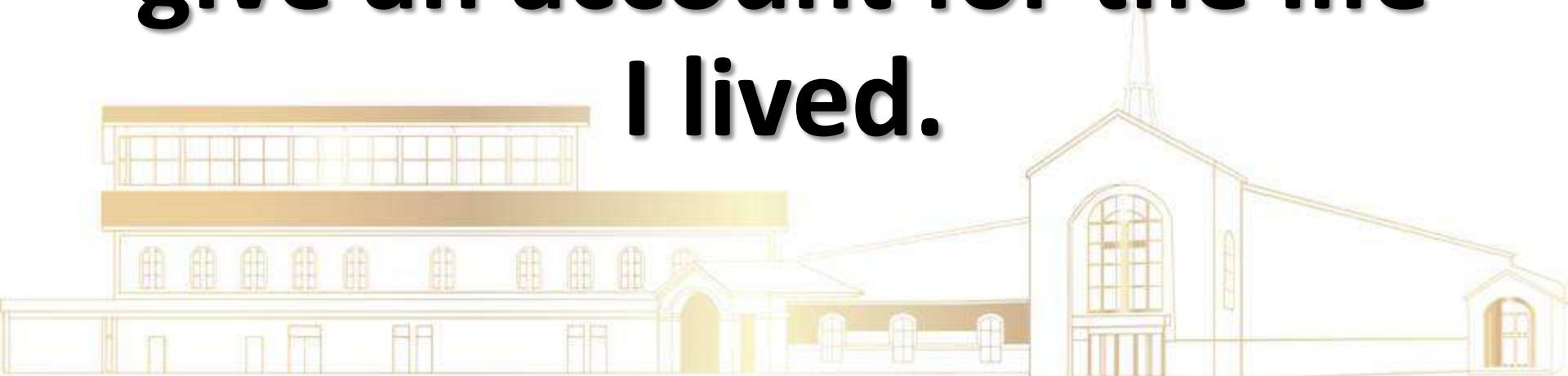
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**The purpose of developing
a biblical worldview is to
minimize the judgment I
will receive when must
give an account for the life
I lived.**



2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

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Matthew 12:36

But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

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Philippians 1:11 (ESV)

- **filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ,**

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The words of Jesus in
John 15 bring great
clarity to this text
from Paul.

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John 15:4-5

Abide in me, and I in you.
As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither **can you [bear fruit], unless you abide in me.** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, **he it is that bears much fruit,** for apart from me you can do nothing.

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Hebrews 12:11 (AV)

Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable **fruit of righteousness** unto them which are exercised thereby.

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Philippians 1:11 (ESV)

- **filled with the fruit of righteousness**



Fruit of Righteousness

- **Spirit of Generosity / absence of selfishness**

Yesterday, at the
wedding of John
Mosley and Emma
King,
Pastor David said:

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- **Contentment** / absence of covetousness



Galatians 5:22–23 (NET)

- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- Against such things there is no law.