



## 1. Perform \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (*Philippians 1:8-11*)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (*2 Corinthians 7:5-7*)

C. \_\_\_\_\_ (*Philippians 4:14-20*)

## 2. Offer \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (*Philippians 4:8*)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (*Proverbs 16:24*)

C. \_\_\_\_\_ (*Philippians 2:19-30*)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.*

1. Read **Colossians 1:9-12**. In your own words make a bullet-pointed prayer list that is derived from the content of this prayer in Colossians that can guide your praying for your friends. What will you do to ensure that you pray like this for your friends more often?
2. Read **1 Thessalonians 2:17-18**. What does it do to your thinking and planning to know that one of Satan's nefarious strategies is to keep you from getting together with your Christian friends?
3. Read **2 Corinthians 12:15** and **1 Thessalonians 2:8**. What are some of your friends' personal "expenditures" which have served to bless and encourage you?
4. Read **Proverbs 12:25** and **27:9**. What are some of the "good words" that you know would enrich your friends and cheer their hearts, that you can and should communicate this week?
5. Read **1 Corinthians 16:17-18**. Which of your Christian friends deserve to hear words of honor and grateful recognition from you this week?

## *This Week's Bible Reading Schedule*

### **July 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Ps.22-24 & Ac.20:1-16*

### **July 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Ps.25-27 & Ac.20:17-38*

### **July 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Ps.28-30 & Ac.21:1-14*

### **July 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Ps.31-33 & Ac.21:5-40*

### **July 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Ps.34-35 & Ac.22*

### **July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Ps.36-37 & Ac.23:1-11*

### **July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Ps.38-40 & Ac.23:12-35*

### **July 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Ps.41-43 & Ac.24*

*The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).*

Msg. 12-06 – ***The Encouragement of Mutual Support***

Msg. 12-02 – ***The Encouragement of a Unified Church***

Msg. 12-01 – ***The Encouragement of Scripture***

Msg. 10-35 – ***Managing Your Emotions & Taming Your Tongue***

Msg. 02-06 – ***Devoted to Encouragement***

Msg. 02-21 – ***Three Key Perspectives that Will Keep Us Together***

Msg. 11-05 – ***Sincerely Loving God's People***

## *This Week's Social Media Hashtag*

### **#ChristianFriendship**

*For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.*

*Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.*

Allender, Dan and Tremper Longman. ***Bold Love***. Reprint. NavPress, 1993.

Bunyan, John. ***All Loves Excelling***. Banner of Truth, 1998.

Carson, D. A. ***Love in Hard Places***. Crossway Books, 2002.

Hiebert, Edmond. ***Working with God Through Intercessory Prayer***. BJU Press, 1991.

Kroll, Woodrow. ***Struggling with Selfishness: Choosing to Look Past Yourself***. Back to the Bible, 1996.

Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn. ***Ephesians 4:1-16. An Exposition on Christian Unity***. Baker Books, 1998.

Mayhall, Carole. ***Words that Hurt; Words that Heal***. NavPress, 2007.

Moffatt, James. ***Love in the New Testament***. Smith Publishing, 1930.

Morris, Leon. ***Testaments of Love: A Study of Love in the Bible***. Eerdmans, 1981.

Pritchard, Ray. ***The Healing Power of Forgiveness***. Harvest House, 2005.

Ralevic, Simo. ***The Tongue: Our Measure***. Banner of Truth, 1996.

Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. ***The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with the People of God***. P & R, 2001.

Spicq, Ceslas. ***Agape in the New Testament***. Herder, 1963.

Swindoll, Charles. ***Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living***. Reprint. Word, 2002.

Tripp, Paul David. ***War of Words: Getting to the Heart of Your Communication Struggles***. P & R Publishing, 2000.