

## **Philippians 2:19-30**

### **The Mindset of Christ Exemplified**

#### **I. The example of Timothy (vv. 19-24)**

- A. Paul's future plans for Timothy (vv. 19, 23-24)
  - 1. Paul's purpose for sending Timothy (v. 19)
  - 2. Paul's timing for sending Timothy (v. 23)
  - 3. Paul's trust for coming shortly (v. 24)
- B. Paul's commendation of Timothy (vv. 20-22)
  - 1. Timothy is 'like-souled' (v. 20)
  - 2. Timothy is Christ-seeking (v. 21)
  - 3. Timothy is gospel-focused (v. 22)

#### **II. The example of Epaphroditus (vv. 25-30)**

- A. Paul's present plans for Epaphroditus (vv. 25a, 28a)
- B. Paul's commendation of Epaphroditus (vv. 25b)
  - 1. An example from Paul's perspective
    - a. A brother
    - b. A companion in labor
    - c. A fellow soldier
  - 2. An example from the Philippians' perspective
    - a. A messenger
    - b. A minister
- C. Paul's explanation of Epaphroditus' return (vv. 26-28)
  - 1. His heart (v. 26)
  - 2. His health (v. 27)
  - 3. Paul's purpose (v. 28)
    - a. The Philippians' joy
    - b. Paul's comfort
- D. Paul's expectation for the Philippians (vv. 29-30)
  - 1. Receive Epaphroditus with joy (v. 29a)
  - 2. Count Epaphroditus as valuable (v. 29b)
    - For his sacrificial service