

# Choose Joy: The Book of Philippians

## Part 7 (Philippians 2:19-30)

### **Philippians 2:19-30 (NKJV)**

(19) But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.

(20) For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.

(21) For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

(22) But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.

(23) Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me.

(24) But I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly.

(25) Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need;

(26) since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

(27) For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

(28) Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.

(29) Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem;

(30) because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.

***We have great examples of those who sacrificed and served for the kingdom of God.***

### **I. The Lord Jesus Christ-Our Ultimate Example.**

#### **Philippians 2:5-11**

(12) Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; (13) for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

### **II. The Church at Philippi-An Example of a Giving and Loving Church**

#### **Philippians 2:25**

Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need;

#### **Philippians 4:15**

Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

### **III. The Apostle Paul-**\_\_\_\_\_

**Philippians 1:7** just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.

#### **Philippians 1:13-14**

(13) so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; (14) and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

#### **Philippians 1:16**

The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains;

### **IV. The Example of Timothy-**\_\_\_\_\_

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