

God's Model for Manhood

BLESS THIS HOME: PART 5

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Philippians 2:19–30

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¹⁹ If the Lord Jesus is willing, I hope to send Timothy to you soon for a visit. Then he can cheer me up by telling me how you are getting along. ²⁰ I have no one else like Timothy, who genuinely cares about your welfare. ²¹ All the others care only for themselves and not for what matters to Jesus Christ. ²² But you know how Timothy has proved himself. Like a son with his father, he has served with me in preaching the Good News. ²³ I hope to send him to you just as soon as I find out what is going to happen to me here. ²⁴ And I have confidence from the Lord that I myself will come to see you soon. ²⁵ Meanwhile, I thought I should send Epaphroditus back to you. He is a true brother, co-worker, and fellow soldier. And he was your messenger to help me in my need. ²⁶ I am sending him because he has been longing to see you, and he was very distressed that you heard he was ill. ²⁷ And he certainly was ill; in fact, he almost died. But God had mercy on him—and also on me, so that I would not have one sorrow after another. ²⁸ So I am all the more anxious to send him back to you, for I know you will be glad to see him, and then I will not be so worried about you. ²⁹ Welcome him in the Lord's love* and with great joy, and give him the honor that people like him deserve. ³⁰ For he risked his life for the work of Christ, and he was at the point of death while doing for me what you couldn't do from far away.

(Timothy) *"I have no one else like [him]"* vs. 20

(Epaphroditus) *"...hold men like him in highest honor"* vs. 29 (Ph)

THE KIND OF MEN GOD IS LOOKING FOR

1. MEN OF COMPASSION.

Timothy...genuinely cares...he is the only one who shares my feelings and who really cares about you. All the others are concerned only with their own affairs...(20–21, GNB)

Epaphroditus...he was your messenger to help me in my need...

What is compassion?

Compassion is **MERCY WITH MOVEMENT**.

"A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. "If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean," he said. Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!"
(Mark 1:40–41, NLT)

2. MEN OF **CHARACTER**.

"...you know [Timothy's] proven character..." (Philippians 2:22, HCSB)

Epaphroditus...is a true brother

How to Build Character



RENEWED HEART

"May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God." (Philippians 1:11, NLT)



AUTHENTIC LIFESTYLE

"...take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you." (Ephesians 4:22–24, The Message)



A PURIFIED MIND

"Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your word." (Psalm 119:37, NLT)



POSITIVE PEERS

"Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."" (1 Corinthians 15:33, NIV)

3. MEN OF **COMMITMENT**.

...Timothy...has served with me in preaching the Good News

Epaphroditus...is a true brother, co-worker, and fellow soldier...Welcome him in the Lord's love and with great joy, and give him the honor that people like him deserve. For he risked his life for the work of Christ...

The 5 Commitments of a Godly Man

- ☞ **MAGNIFIER** of God's name
- ☞ **MEMBER** of God's family
- ☞ **MASTER** of God's word
- ☞ **MINISTER** of God's mercy
- ☞ **MESSENGER** of God's grace

"GOD is always on the alert, constantly on the lookout for people who are totally committed to him." (2 Chronicles 16:9a, The Message)

ACTION

CLASS 101 – TODAY!

BTH Workshop: A Man After God's Own Heart

Kingdom Man by Tony Evans