



**“Timothy’s Proven Worth”**  
**Philippians 2:19-24**  
**The Joy of Unity: The Book of Philippians**

Six lessons from the life of Timothy:

**1. Timothy was Paul’s most trusted emissary.**

*Verse 19 – “I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition.”*

Definition: *emissary* – “a person sent on a special mission, usually as a diplomatic representative.”

**LESSON #1:**  
***We are all emissaries sent by God to a dying world.***

Who has God placed in your life right now that he wants you to share the gospel with? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Fill in the blank)

**2. Timothy and Paul were kindred spirits.**

*Verse 20 – “For I have no one else of kindred spirit...”*

Greek: *isópsuchos* – “equal soul.” Paul and Timothy shared a similarity of heart, mind and passion. There was a closeness, connection and compatibility of friendship based on their mutual love for Christ.

**LESSON #2:**  
***God intends for us to work together – not alone.***

**3. Timothy genuinely cared more about others than himself.**

*Verse 20 – “I have no one else... who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare.”*

“Genuinely” – legitimate, real, sincere.

**LESSON #3:**  
***Make sure you care for the well-being of others. Don’t just care for yourself.***

*Matthew 7:12 – “In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”*

**4. Timothy passionately pursued God's will for his life.**

*Verse 21 – “For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.”*

There were hundreds of Christians in Rome, and not one was willing to go to Philippi to check on the church. But Timothy was committed to seeking and pursuing the “interests” of Christ, rather than his own.

**LESSON #4:**

***God's will is always perfect! So trust him... and obey him.***

**5. Timothy proved his worth by remaining faithful to his calling.**

*Verse 22 – “But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel...”*

“Proven worth” – tested and approved, having stood the test.

Timothy's track record:

- Served with Paul for 21 years, traveling thousands of miles
- Ministered in at least 6 churches
- Mentioned in 10 out of 13 of Paul's letters
- Imprisoned for a period of time (Hebrews 13:23)
- Martyred for his faith in AD 97

**LESSON #5:**

***Your commitment to Christ should be obvious to the people around you.***

**6. Timothy understood the importance of having a spiritual father.**

*Verse 22 – “like a child serving his father.”*

**LESSON #6:**

***We all need mentors to help us grow in our faith.***

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Other than your spouse, have you ever had a friend that you would describe as a kindred spirit?
2. When you think about obeying the will of God, which of the following words best describe how you feel? *Confused, Cautious, Committed, Excited, Afraid, other?* Please explain.
3. Have you had a “spiritual father” or mentor who has impacted your life? How did that relationship develop?
4. In the sermon, Pastor Kenton explained that we are all emissaries sent by God to a dying world. Who has God placed in your life right now that he wants you to share the gospel with?
5. Which lesson from the life of Timothy applied to you the most personally, and why?