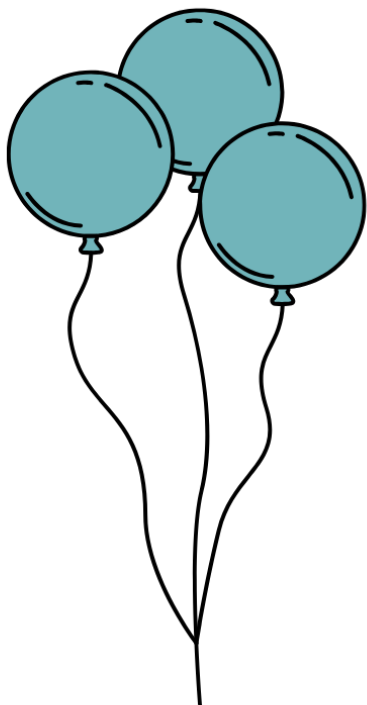




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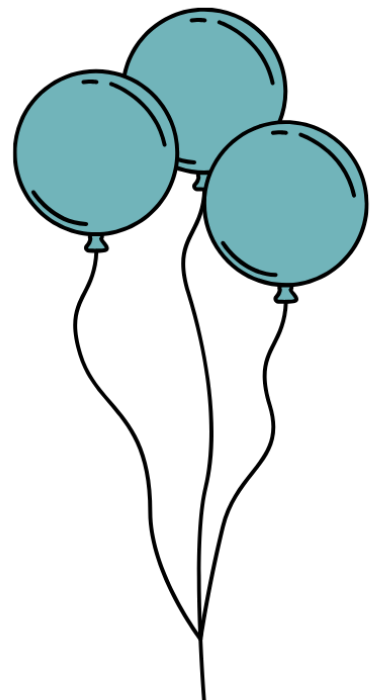
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HAPPY



FATHER'S
DAY



*I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰ For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹ For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³ I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴ and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also. ²⁵ I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, ²⁶ for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹ So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰ for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me. ~ **Philippians 2:19-30***

FIVE QUALITIES GOD IS LOOKING FOR IN MEN (ALL SERVANTS)

1. COMPASSION

*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. ~ **Philippians 2:91-21***

*Let each of you look not only **to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.** ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus. ~ **Philippians 2:4-5a***

*But when He saw the multitudes, **He was moved with compassion for them,** because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. ~ **Matthew 9:35***

2. CONSISTENCY

*"But you know **his proven character,** that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel." ~ **Philippians 2:22***

*Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ. ~ **1 Corinthians 11:1***

*Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. **Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.** ~ **1 Timothy 4:12***

*"The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him." ~ **Proverbs 20:7***

3. COOPERATION

“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 2:25**

4. COMMITMENT

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.”

~ **Philippians 2:27-28**

*For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. ~ **Philippians 1:29***

5. COURAGE

*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.” ~ **Philippians 2:29-30***

Memory Verse:

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

~ **1 Corinthians 15:58**

Next Steps:

- Memorize 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Write a man who has had a positive influence on you a text or note today
- Sign up for the summer Growth Track
- Fill out your digital Connect Card
- Honor God in your giving
- Invite a friend to join us in person or online for next week's service.