

**Finding Joy:
Appreciate those who serve Christ
Philippians 2:19-30**

¹⁹ But
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.


²⁰ For
I have no one *else*
 of kindred spirit
 who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare.

²¹ For
they all seek after their own interests,
 not
 those of Christ Jesus.

²² But
you know of his proven worth,
 that he served
 with me
 in the furtherance of the gospel
 like a child
 *serv*ing his father.

²³ Therefore
I hope
 to send him
 immediately,
 as soon as I see how things *go* with me;

²⁴ and
I trust
 in the Lord
 that I myself also will be coming
 shortly.

²⁵ But
I thought it necessary
 to send
 to you
 Epaphroditus,  my brother
 and
 fellow worker
 and

fellow soldier,
who is also your messenger
and
minister
to my need;
²⁶ because he was longing for you all
and
was distressed
because you had heard
that he was sick.

²⁷ For
indeed he was sick
to the point of death,
but
God had mercy
on him,
and
not on him only
but
also on me,
so that I would not have sorrow
upon sorrow.

²⁸ Therefore
I have sent him
all the more eagerly
so that
when you see him again
you may rejoice
and
I may be less concerned
about you.

²⁹ Receive him
then
in the Lord
with all joy,
and
hold men like him
in high regard;

³⁰ because he came close
to death
for the work
of Christ,
risking his life
to complete what was deficient
in your service
to me.