

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

Philippians 2:19-24

Timothy Was Concerned For The Welfare Of Others

We should be concerned about others and that should drive us to action.

And the King will answer them, "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40

Are you a sheep following the example of your shepherd?

Timothy Had A Proven Worth

The Philippians knew the kind of person Timothy was because of his actions.

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:18

Are you living in light of the good thing the our Good God has done in your life?

Timothy Was Fully Devoted

Timothy had the devotion of a doting son to a kind father.

I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.

John 14:31a

Are you devoted to your Good Father?

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, for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. 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. I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious.

Philippians 2:25-28

Sketching Epaphroditus

To Paul he was:

- A brother
- A fellow worker
- A fellow soldier

To the Philippians he was:

- Their trusted messenger
- Their chosen minister

Are you living in partnership with those around you so the message of the Gospel goes out and people are being ministered to?

Epaphroditus Was Willing To Lay Down His Life

Epaphroditus almost died in his service to the church and the Gospel.

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13

Are you willing to live for Jesus?

So receive him in the Lord with all joy and honor such men, for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

Philippians 2:29-30

A Life To Be Honored

Paul called the Philippians to honor people like Epaphroditus. This is what we are commanded to do to everyone in the Body of Christ.

Love one another with brotherly affection.

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Romans 12:10

Do you understand that in the economy of God every member of the Church is equally important and fulfills their duty with sacrificial love?

Is Your Life A Life To Be Honored?

- Are you concerned about the welfare of others?
- Are you a person of conviction and not only of words?
- Are you devoted to the Lord as a doting child to a kind and generous father?
- Are you a fellow brother or sister, worker, and soldier who is sharing the message and ministering to those around you?
- Are you not only willing to lay down your life, but live day by day for Jesus?