

# Examples of Joy

Philippians 2:19-30



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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 *serving* 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.



# Philippians 2:25-30

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.



# Philippians 2:25-30

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.

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# Timothy's Example

- Acts makes no mention of Timothy in Philippi (16)
- He appears again 17:14 in Berea so he was with them
- Paul's Praise is extensive:
  - Kindred spirit--of one soul
  - Genuine, naturally, sincerely concerned about you



# Timothy's Example

- Living for Christ--not himself
- Concerns of Christ, not the concerns of his own self
- You all know(?) of his Proven Worth
- Served (dulos) *slaved* with Paul
- Like a child *serv*ing his father
- Paul hopes to send News by Timothy!



# Epaphroditus' Example

- My Brother
- Fellow worker
- Fellow soldier
- Apostle (sent one)
- Minister to Paul's needs in prison



# Epaphroditus' Example

- Recovering from illness in ministering the Gospel
- Distressed because he had caused distress in Philippi
- Sick to the point of death--but God's mercy
- Paul send him back so that they may rejoice (mercy, healing)
- Hold those like him in high regard *WOW!*
- Came close to death for Christ in His service



# Romans 14:

7 For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; 8 for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.



# For us Today

- Every new day is a chance to be of service to Christ
- To abide in Christ, to grow in Christ, led by his Spirit
- Each trial is an opportunity to shine
- When we live we live to Christ and his Kingdom
- And *when* we are sick, injured, and even near death remember whose we are in both life and death and for Him, shine brighter