

LIGHTS IN A DARK WORLD – Part 2
Servants Who Shine
Philippians 2:17-30

1. Who are the three ordinary believers highlighted by the Apostle Paul in Philippians 2:17–30 as living examples of Christian servanthood?
2. Before presenting these three men, Paul points to Jesus Christ as the ultimate model of servanthood. What is the theological term used to describe the voluntary restriction of Christ's divine privileges to live among humanity?
3. What mental discipline must a believer develop in order to experience internal peace and joy that cannot be held hostage by difficult circumstances?
4. How does Paul describe his own life of servanthood in Philippians 2:17–18, and what does the “drink offering” imagery communicate about his joy and sacrifice?
5. Was Paul's intense sacrifice an attempt to pay Jesus back or add to His work of salvation? Why or why not?

6. Why does Paul present Timothy as a second example of servanthood, and what qualities show that Timothy put Jesus and others before himself?
7. According to Philippians 2:20–22, what does Timothy’s “proven character” reveal about biblical leadership, and why must leaders be tested before serving?
8. Who is Epaphroditus in Philippians 2:25–30, and how does his quiet, faithful service demonstrate that ordinary believers can model true servanthood?
9. What does Philippians 2:26–28 reveal about Epaphroditus’ heart and sacrifice, and how does his attitude demonstrate genuine servanthood?
10. According to Philippians 2:29–30, how should believers treat faithful servants like Epaphroditus, and how does his example refute the health-and-wealth gospel?

Key Verses: Philippians 2:17-30, Numbers 15:1-10; 28:7, John 19:30, 1 Corinthians 11:1, 1 Timothy 1:2, 3 John 4, 1 Timothy 3:10, Revelation 21:4

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