

Practicing It Together:

5. Timothy and Epaphroditus demonstrated consistent faithfulness to the tasks before them. How can we encourage one another along toward this same kind of faithfulness, in whatever ways we've been called to serve?

What are some specific ways we can be praying for one another in this area?

Digging Deeper (for further study):

6. How do these specific examples tie us into Paul's overall message in Philippians? In what ways can you see that these two men are living out the instruction that Paul has given throughout the letter?

7. How does this portion of the letter help us see the personal side of Paul's love and concern for the church in Philippi? What can that teach us about how we read and apply God's Word?

Pastoral Partners
Philippians 2:19-30
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1. Timothy (v. 19-24)

✧ He has a servant's mind (v. 19-21)

✧ He had a servant's training (v. 22)

✧ He has a servant's reward (v. 23-24)

2. Epaphroditus (v. 25-30; 4:18)

✧ He was a balanced Christian (v. 25)

✧ He was a burdened Christian (v. 26-27, 30)

✧ He was a blessed Christian (v. 28-30)

Message-Based Discussion Questions

1. As you reflect on the message, what was one observation, application, or insight that stood out to you?

2. Read the message text (Philippians 2:19-30). As you look at the examples of Timothy and Epaphroditus, how do you see them exhibiting “conduct worthy of the gospel” (1:27)?

What aspects of their examples stand out to you as things you want to exhibit in your own life and example?

3. Looking specifically at Timothy’s example (v. 19-24), why is he such a valuable ally to Paul?

How can we partner with one another in the work of the gospel with the same attitude as Timothy?

4. Looking specifically at Epaphroditus’ example (v. 25-30), what are the specific ways in which Paul describes him? (In verse 25 alone there are five words or phrases that describe Epaphroditus.)

How can our understanding of these descriptions impact how we relate to and serve one another in the body of Christ?

Continuing on in the passage, what does Epaphroditus’ example teach us about taking risks for the gospel of Christ?