

Two Examples of Faith (Phil. 2:19-30)

I. The Quality of Timothy (19-24)

A. Paul Desires to send Timothy to Philippi (19)

1. He desires Timothy's ministry among them
2. He desires to hear of Philippi's progress
 - a. Hopes the Philippians will be helped
 - b. Hopes He will be encouraged by hearing

B. Timothy is Concerned With the Body of Christ (20-21)

1. He has a deep concern for them (20)
 - a. It is a love from the Spirit for the Bride (1 Jn. 3:14)
 - b. It is a love demonstrated in action
 - c. It is a genuine (γνησιως) concern
 - i. Not duty or obligation
2. He is concerned with the things of Christ (21)
 - a. Paul equates concern for body with concern for Christ
 - i. others are busy with their own concerns
 - not necessarily evil concerns
 - things concerning themselves
 - ii. Timothy singled out for service
 - not the greatest preacher
 - not the strongest leader
 - has a genuine concern for the body
 - b. Paul commends Timothy above others
 - i. "No one here like him"

C. Timothy is concerned with the gospel (22-24)

1. He cared for the work
 - a. As a son learns from a father
 - b. he served for the gospel's sake
2. He served in the work
 - a. He didn't seek notoriety
 - b. He didn't need the stage
3. He was valuable to the work
 - a. Paul needed him until he got out
 - b. Paul hoped to send him later

II. The Quality of Epaphroditus (25-28)

A. Epaphroditus is concerned with the gospel (25)

1. Paul is sending Epaphroditus to Philippi
 - a. He considers it necessary
 - b. He considers it beneficial
2. Paul considers Him a brother in arms
 - a. He has demonstrated his brotherhood
 - i. Testimony in the gospel
 - b. He has demonstrated his service
 - i. He has been a co-worker with Paul
 - c. He has demonstrated his contention for the gospel

- i. He has been a fellow soldier
 - ii. A soldier fights, protects, serves
 - 3. Paul considers Him a helpful minister
 - a. He brought word to Paul from Philippians
 - i. Congregation sent him to help Paul
 - ii. Congregation sent him to communicate
 - b. He ministers to Paul's needs
 - i. Ministers where need is
- B. Epaphroditos is concerned with the body of Christ (26-28)
 - 1. He had a great concern for the Philippians (26)
 - a. He greatly missed them
 - b. He was distressed that they were worried
 - i. They had heard he was sick
 - ii. He worried about their sorrow
 - iii. He worried about their worrying
 - 2. He had experienced mercy (27)
 - a. He had been healed by God's mercy
 - i. it was not owed
 - ii. It was given as mercy
 - b. He wanted them to know of this mercy
 - i. he worried about their sorrow
 - ii. he wanted to bring joyful news
 - 3. He was being sent by Paul
 - a. To bring joy
 - b. To bring word

III. The Quality of Faithful to be Honored (29-30)

- A. Men Like This are to be Honored (29)
 - 1. To be welcomed in the Lord
 - 2. To be welcomed with joy
 - 3. To be honored
- B. Men like this sacrifice life for the gospel
 - 1. He almost died for the gospel
 - a. "because of the work of Christ"
 - b. could have worked "too hard" for Christ
 - 2. He almost died doing what others could not
 - a. All the Philippians couldn't go
 - b. They sent him as their representative