

Series "Joy In Christ"
"Examples Of Humility"
Philippians 2:19-30
Part-10

Philippians 2 - Joy In Serving: (Submissive Mind) Paul has been addressing selfless humility in Christian service.

Paul's Plea - Be Like-Minded: Philippians 2:1-4

Jesus' Pattern - The Humility Of Jesus: Philippians 2:5-11

Believers Process - The Marks Of Humble Service: Philippians 2:12-18

Verses 12-16 - Power for Unity The source of power, Jesus!

work- We get our English word "*Energy.*"
"The one who energizes"

Paul now gives **Examples Of Humility:**

Philippians 2:19-30 Paul gave three examples.

Himself **Verses 17-18**, now, he gives two more examples of men

Thought Of Our Passage: "Humble Service Was Modeled Through Jesus Christ, And God Has Provided Real Life Examples Of That Humble Service."

1. Verses 19-24 Example Of Timothy:

2. Verses 25-30 Example Of Epaphroditus:

1. Verses 19-24 Example Of Timothy:

Philippians 2:19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus

Context – Paul had just spoken of his sacrificial service to God in others.
Verses 17-18,

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly,
Acknowledgment of the divine will.

Acts 18:21 God allows it, so **Acts 19:1** Paul returns for an extended stay.

Romans 15:32; fulfilled Acts 28; James 4:13-16

Timothy – (Mentioned **24 times** In the epistles)

Philippians 1:1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus,

Paul Wanted To Send Timothy To The Fellowship:
to send Timothy to you

Paul Would Be Encouraged When He Receives Word:
so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition.
All of us need encouragement.

Philippians 2:20

Paul's 5 Point Description Of Timothy:

1. Timothy Was Like-Minded: For I have no one else of kindred spirit

Only time this word is used.

Kindred spirit - (Like-minded) *"Like souled, Equal soul"*

Timothy was unique; he was one of a kind that Paul valued.

2. Timothy Had A Genuine Concern: who will genuinely be concerned

genuinely - *"naturally, truly"* Is the word for *"Birthright"*, new birth, Timothy new nature

for your welfare. *"The things concerning you" (Church)*

3. Timothy Was Selfless:

Philippians 2:21 For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. Timothy was not out to serve himself

their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. (Doing Our Own Thing!)

4. Timothy Manifested Jesus: not those of Christ Jesus.

The mind of Christ is seen in humility, obedience, and concern for others. Christ emptied Himself.

Philippians 2:22 But you know Paul says *"you know"*

proven

Speaks "of metal that has been tested by the heat of fire."

5. Timothy Was A Servant: served with me cooperative servant.

Philippians 1:1

Gospel Servant: in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father. Paul taught Timothy the Word and allowed him to observe Paul **2 Timothy 3:10, 14-15**

Philippians 2:23-24 and I trust in the Lord

Paul was putting his trust in the Lord

Obstacles Against Timothy:

1. He Was Young – 1 Timothy 4:12 Youth

There was the social obstacles.

2. He was timid – 2 Timothy 1:7 He was afraid. I can't pray very good!

3. He Had Physical Problems – 1 Timothy 5:23

Take a little wine, stomach (Often)

2. Verses 25-30 Example Of Epaphroditus:

Philippians 2:25 Epaphroditus - means "lovely" or "charming."
Probably based on **Aphrodite** pagan goddess of love and beauty.

Twice in Scripture **Philippians 2:25, 4:18**

Paul's Five Point Description Of Epaphroditus:

1. My Brother: my brother - This is the first thing that Paul brings out as he describes Epaphroditus is that of being a brother. Regeneration, born again

2. Fellow Worker: and fellow worker - This is a companion in labor. They were both in the process of working out what God was working in. A Layman:

3. Fellow Soldier: and fellow soldier, Paul recognized **Epaphroditus** as having put on the armor. He was a committed soldier of Jesus Christ. **2 Timothy 2:3 good soldier**

4. Your Messenger: who is also your messenger

Notice that it says **your** he was from the believers themselves.

Messenger - This word is normally translated as "*apostle*," but he was not an apostle in the technical sense. He delivered the offering!
Three Months traveled 800 miles!

5. Minister: and minister to my need;

The term **minister** is speaking of that which is official and sacred service. Here it is used of the service of both Paul and the church.

Philippians 4:18

Philippians 2:26 He Was Homesick:

longing Literally - "*he was constantly longing after*"

Apostle Paul's heart towards the saints.

Philippians 1:8 how I long for you all

and was distressed

This is the same word that describes the distress that Jesus had in Gethsemane. Mental, emotional, and spiritual anguish. **Matthew 26:37**

because you had heard that he was sick.

He had come to minister to Paul, and in so doing, he had become sick.

Philippians 2:27 For indeed he was sick to the point of death –

Could be translated, "*He gambled with his life.*" He knew the costs

His Healing: but God had mercy on him, Paul could not heal at will!

and not on him only but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow. Paul was sorrowful that his friend had gotten sick while coming to minister to him.

In some of our prayers, God works many facets to bring about His will.
From Paul's sorrow, the body that is broken, and to concerned Christians at home.

Philippians 2:28 His Reunion:

Therefore, ("What is the therefore, therefore?") **I have sent him all the more eagerly** "More carefully" the speed to get him back to them, that are concerned.

you may rejoice

Paul focuses on the point of them first.

This again is keeping with humility. Others first.

and I may be less concerned about you.

Paul could rest, not worried about Epaphroditus.

Philippians 2:29 Receive him then - With that in mind, that Paul was thinking of them, and wanted them to rejoice, that they were to be excited about his coming.

Receive Him With All Joy - in the Lord with all joy, spiritual reception.

Honor Men Like Him Highly - and hold men like him in high regard;

men like - He did not say "man" but "men"; it is not singular but plural.

high regard; It is speaking of that which is precious.

Philippians 2:30 because - Paul gives two reasons for his commendation.

1. In His Work For Christ, He Risked His Life - because he came close to death for the work of Christ,

2. He Attempted To Make Up For The Church's Absence - risking his life to complete what was deficient in your service to me.

risking – English "*Gamble*" *Gambling his life for Jesus Christ! Greeks would let a knife fall from different positions, and the winner's knife would fall with the point of the blade into the ground, with the knife perfectly straight.*

Application:

1. Is Our Life Of Ministry Focused On Being Selfish (Self-Focused, ME-Generation)? Or Selfless, Placing Others' Needs Before Our Own?
2. Timothy Had Obstacles. His Age, He Was Young; He Was Timid; And He Had Physical Ailments. None Of These Obstacles Deterred Timothy From His Service With Humility:
3. Has Our Service In The Lord Like Epaphroditus Cost Us Something In Our Service With Humility For Others?