

Philippians 2:19-30

**It Helps To Have
A Good Example**

(Review)

- Arguing & Complaining Is Sinful
- Your Bad Attitude Shows Immaturity
- A Good Attitude Shines
- No One Wants To Labor In Vain
- Model A Joyful Attitude of Service

Today's Outline

- Learning By Example
- God Uses Regular People
- 2 Good Men
- Loving The Work Of Christ More Than Life

Philippians 2:18-30

19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.

20 For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.

21 For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

22 But you know his proven character, that as a son with *his* father he served with me in the gospel.

23 Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me.

24 But I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly.

25 Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need;

26 since he was longing for you all,
and was distressed because you had
heard that he was sick.

27 For indeed he was sick almost unto
death; but God had mercy on him,
and not only on him but on me also,
lest I should have sorrow upon
sorrow.

28 Therefore I sent him the more
eagerly, that when you see him
again you may rejoice, and I may be
less sorrowful.

29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem;

30 because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.

Learning By Example

- Vs 12,13 Be Set Apart, Sanctified
 - Vs 14 The How, without complaining
 - Vs 15-18 The Why, To be a light, with a joyful attitude.
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- Now he gives us 2 examples of the above.

What Do We Know About Timothy

- Name Means "One Who Honors God"
- His father was Greek (Acts 16:1)
- His Mother Eunice and grandmother Lois were Christians (2 Tim 1:5)
- He was with Paul when they established the church in Philippi (Acts 16)
- Paul trusted and loved him as a son in the faith. (1 Cor 4:17)

What Else Do We Know?

- He was looked down upon because of his youth. (1 Tim 4:12)
- He was timid
- He had stomach problems (1 Tim 5:23)
- He was just a regular guy

You Get Your Story In the Bible One of Two Ways

1. For Doing Something Right
2. For Doing Something Wrong

God Uses Regular People

- Hebrews 11 “The Hall of Faith”
- James 5:17
Elijah was a man with a nature like ours

Philippians 2:19

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**Trusting In The Lord's Timing
Provides Joy**

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**A Positive Outlook On The
Church In Philippi**

Philippians 2:20

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Isopsychos (Like-minded)

1) equal in soul

Only used 1 time here in scripture

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- Faithfully served for over 10 years with Paul
- Many times a son would serve with his father, willing to listen so as to become as skilled as possible.

Philippians 2:23-24

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Complementary Terms

- **Brother:** a fellow believer, united to another by the bond of affection
- **Fellow Worker:** An equal in the work of the ministry
- **Fellow Soldier:** Term only given to those who had fought along side in battle.
- **Messenger:** *apostolos, One Sent Forth*

Philippians 2:26-27

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2 Corinthians 1:11-13

- 11 I have become a fool in boasting; you have compelled me. For I ought to have been commended by you; for in nothing was I behind the most eminent apostles, though I am nothing.
- 12 Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.
- 13 For what is it in which you were inferior to other churches, except that I myself was not burdensome to you? Forgive me this wrong!

2 Timothy 4:20

Erastus abode at Corinth: but
Trophimus have I left at Miletum
sick.

Philippians 2:28-30

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