

Work Through It

Philippians 2:19-30

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Timothy and Epaphroditus

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. ²⁰ I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. ²¹ For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. ²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon. ²⁵ But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. ²⁶ For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. ²⁹ So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, ³⁰ because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.

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Three things Paul tells us we can learn from the life of Timothy:

1. Timothy cared for the people's **interest**.
2. Timothy **valued** the things of Jesus and others.
3. Timothy has proven **character** refined in the demands of the gospel ministry.

Three things Paul tells us we can learn from the life of Epaphroditus:

1. Epaphroditus teaches us how to be a **balanced** Christian.
2. Epaphroditus teaches us how to be a **burdened** Christian.
3. Epaphroditus teaches us how to be a **blessed** Christian

Prayer Focus:

- Are we valuing the things of Jesus?
- Are we burdened by the lost and hurting?
- How can we invest in others this week?