



Studies in Philippians:
Bearing the Mark of Joy
"Multiplying NextGen Leaders"
Philippians 2:19-30

Sermon Proposition

Spiritual Children Are a Source of Joy. Invest in the future of the kingdom.

Mentor a Timothy2:19-24

Pray for an Epaphroditus.....2:25-30

Hangout with a Paul.....2:19-30

Live It!

Follow Godly Examples

How do Timothy, Epaphroditus, and Paul serve as examples to you?
What step can you take this week to follow their examples?

Like Timothy, I will put the interests of Christ first by...

Like Epaphroditus, I will demonstrate my devotion to Christ by...

Like Paul, I will invest in the spiritual development of...

Partner in the Gospel through Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for providing me examples to follow both in Your word and in our church family. I confess that my devotion to Christ falls short in [describe the ways]. I acknowledge that I give more time to my own interests [self, work, or family] than the interests of my Savior Jesus Christ. Train me to be like Timothy who was genuinely concerned for the welfare of others and selflessly gave himself to the work of the gospel. Teach me to be like Epaphroditus who was willing to risk his own welfare for the sake of the work of Christ. Give me the wisdom, desire, and skill of Paul to invest in the next generation of leaders. For your Glory and the welfare of your people, Amen.

Open It!

Have you ever served as a reference for a family member or friend?
What is it like to serve as a reference to someone's character?

Read It!

Philippians 2:19-30

Consider It!

For what reason did Paul desire to send Timothy to the Philippian believers (2:19)?

What characterizes his service to the Lord and His people (2:20-21)?

What was the reason most Philippians were not interested in the work of Christ (2:21)? How do personal concerns hinder the work of the church today?

Who are the people that stand out in our church family because they care for God's people and are committed to the Lord's work?

How did Paul think of Timothy (2:22)? How did Paul invest in Timothy's spiritual development (Acts 16:1-5)?

The name Epaphroditus likely means "devoted to Aphrodite."

Does Paul describe a man devoted to Aphrodite (2:25-30)? Why, or why not?

What was Epaphroditus' relationship with Paul and with the Philippian church (2:25)?

Why was Paul sending Epaphroditus home to Philippi (2:26-28)?

How were the Philippians told to welcome home Epaphroditus (2:29)?
How does Epaphroditus demonstrate his devotion to Christ (2:30)?

Who deserves such high regard in our church family? Why?

How is your devotion to Christ evidenced in service to the Lord and His people at First Free?