

Timothy and Epaphroditus - Philippians 2:19-30

Topics: Church, Encouragement, God, Honor, Jesus Christ, Partnerships, Risk, Sacrifice, Sickness

Open It

- * 1. When was the last time you gave a character reference for a friend?
- 2. If close friends were to talk about you behind your back, what would they say?

Explore It

- 3. Why did Paul plan to send Timothy to the Philippians? (2:19)
- * 4. What was Paul's opinion of Timothy? (2:20)
- 5. What was Timothy's relationship with the church at Philippi? (2:20)
- * 6. In Paul's view, why did Timothy stand out? (2:21-22)
- 7. When would Paul send Timothy to the Philippians? (2:23)
- 8. Why was Paul confident that he would revisit the believers at Philippi? (2:24)
- 9. Who was Epaphroditus? (2:25)
- 10. Why did the Philippians send Epaphroditus to Paul? (2:25)
- 11. How did Epaphroditus feel about his friends in Philippi? (2:26)
- 12. What happened to Epaphroditus? (2:26-27)
- 13. How did God spare Paul tremendous sorrow? (2:27)
- 14. How did Paul demonstrate his selflessness? (2:28)
- * 15. How were the Philippians told to welcome home Epaphroditus? (2:29-30)
- 16. Why were the Philippians told to honor their messenger? (2:30)

Get It

- * 17. Among your circle of Christian friends, for whom do you have the highest regard? Why?
- 18. Why could Paul count on Timothy and Epaphroditus?
- 19. What reputation do you have in your church?
- * 20. In what ways have you proved to be a reliable servant of God?
- 21. What risks are you willing to take on behalf of other Christians?
- 22. In what ways can you be God's "courier" to others?

Apply It

- * 23. How can you be a model of humility and service to other Christians this week?
- 24. This week, how can you look out for the interests of the Lord rather than your own interests?