



# Timothy and Epaphroditus



# Philippians Theme: Joyful Christian Living

## Philippians Outline

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| I. Partakers with Christ | Philippians 1 |
| II. People of Christ     | Philippians 2 |
| III. Pursuit of Christ   | Philippians 3 |
| IV. Power of Christ      | Philippians 4 |

Philippians Theme Verse: Philippians 4:4 - <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

Passage Theme Verse - Timothy: Philippians 2:22 - <sup>22</sup>But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father.

Passage Theme Verse - **Epaphroditus:** Philippians 2:29 - <sup>29</sup>Receive him then in the Lord with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard.

Passage Theme Statement: Believers in Jesus Christ at all levels of giftedness, callings and circumstances are to live our lives in the interests of Jesus Christ and the care of other believers.

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## Selected Scriptures

1. Paul is a man of leadership and action both before and after Christ met him on the road to Damascus - Acts 8:1,3; 9:19b-20

Acts 8:1 - <sup>1</sup>Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him (*Steven*) to death. And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Acts 8:3 - <sup>3</sup>But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

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Acts 9:19b–20 - Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

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Galatians 2:11–14 - <sup>11</sup>But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup>For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision. <sup>13</sup>The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. <sup>14</sup>But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, “If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

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3. Paul was totally committed to the gospel ministry and expected the same from his missionary partners. As a result, he firmly resisted taking Mark on the 2nd Missionary Journey who had deserted them on the 1st Missionary Journey - Acts 15:36-41
4. Paul saw himself as being poured out as a drink offering in his service to the Lord God - Philippians 2:17

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Philippians 2:19-24

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1 Corinthians 4:17  
"faithful child in the Lord"

1 Timothy 1:2  
"my true child in the faith"

1 Timothy 1:18  
"my son"

2 Timothy 1:2  
"my beloved son"



## 1st Missionary Journey

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## 2nd Missionary Journey

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Acts 16:1–2 - <sup>1</sup>Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. And a disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek, <sup>2</sup>and he was well spoken of by the brethren who were in Lystra and Iconium.

## II. Mentee - Timothy

### Philippians 2:19-24

4. Paul intends to send Timothy to Philippi for Paul to be encouraged by their spiritual progress - v. 19
5. Paul characterized Timothy as being "like-souled" with Paul - v. 20
  6. Timothy focussed on the glory of Jesus Christ rather than self - v. 21
7. Paul characterized Timothy as being of proven value in the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ - v. 22
8. Finally Paul restates his intention to send Timothy to Philippi - v. 23-24

### III. Mentee - Epaphroditus Philippians 2:25-30

1. Epaphroditus, a Philippian, was the Apostle Paul's brother in Christ - v. 25
2. Epaphroditus was the Apostle Paul's fellow worker - v. 25
3. Epaphroditus was the Apostle Paul's fellow soldier - v. 25
4. Epaphroditus was a messenger sent to Paul at Rome by the church at Philippi - v. 25
5. Epaphroditus was a minister sent by the church at Philippi to meet Paul's need - v. 25

### III. Mentee - Epaphroditus Philippians 2:25-30

5. Epaphroditus was a minister sent by the church at Philippi to meet Paul's need - v. 25
6. Paul was sending Epaphroditus back to Philippi to encourage both Epaphroditus and the Philippian church - v. 26-28
7. Paul encouraged the Philippians to not only receive Epaphroditus with all joy in the Lord but to hold men like him in high esteem - v. 29-30

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones - “Let us be like these three mighty servants of God, Paul, Timothy and Epaphroditus, who were ready to risk their lives for the sake of Christ and for His work. The battle is on and the fight is keen and hot. Let us all be certain that as fellow soldiers we keep rank, we never falter or fail, and whatever the demands may be, whatever the cost, we shall be ready at any moment, yea even unto death, to stand and to fight for our glorious King, the Lord Jesus Christ.”



Martyn Lloyd Jones

1899 - 1981

