

## Two Men of Philipians Two

**TEXT:** Phil. 2:19-30

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. PAUL WAS IN PRISON BEING TRIED FOR HIS FAITH.
- B. WHILE HE WAS THERE, HE WAS SERVED BY **TWO MEN**.
  1. Timothy was his own charge ( **Acts 16:1-3** ). Very close, even at Paul's death.
  2. Epaphroditus mentioned only here and in **ch. 4**. From the Philippian church.

### I. WHAT IS SAID ABOUT TIMOTHY?

- A. HE WILL **CARE FOR YOUR STATE** ( **vs. 20** ).
  1. In Timothy was a true concern for others.
  2. We ought to have the same attitude ( **Rom. 12:9-13; 1 Pet. 1:22** ).
  3. Timothy's attitude would be seen in **action** ( **1 John 3:18** ).
- B. **NO MAN IS LIKEMINDED** – TIMOTHY **STOOD ALONE WITH PAUL** ( **vs. 20** ).
  1. During Paul's last days, Timothy was one of the few.
  2. Paul served as his pattern ( **Acts 20:24** ).
  3. He knew he would be **rewarded** with Paul ( **2 Tim. 4:6-8** ).
  4. It is implied that he **sought the things of Christ** ( **Matt. 6:33; Col. 3:1-4** ).
  5. Others were not so, they sought physical welfare ( **Mark 8:34-38** ).
  6. How had Paul instructed them earlier in the chapter? ( **2:1-4** ).
- C. TIMOTHY WAS **COMPLETELY TRUE** IN HIS SERVICE TO CHRIST ( **vs. 21** ). AND TO PAUL ( **vs. 22** ).
  1. "How beautiful are the feet ..." ( **Rom. 10:15** ).
  2. Paul's fatherly affection toward his students ( **1 Cor. 4:14-16; 11:1** ).
- D. TIMOTHY WAS PAUL'S PERSONAL MESSENGER – HE HOPED TO COME SHORTLY, HIMSELF ( **vs. 23-24; 1:21-26** ).

### II. WHAT DID PAUL SAY ABOUT EPAPHRODITUS?

- A. PAUL COMPLIMENTS THIS MAN ( **vs. 25** ).
  1. My **brother** – all brethren ( **Matt. 23:8; Rom. 8:16-17** ).
    - a. Affection ( **Rom. 12:9-10** ).
    - b. A special brother.
  2. My **fellow-worker** – shared in the teaching and preaching.
    - a. Great Commission shared with hearers ( **Matt. 28:19-20** ).
    - b. We all share the debt of salvation ( **Rom. 1:14-15** ).
    - c. Consider the great need ( **Matt. 9:37-38** ).
  3. My **fellow-soldier** – hardship, discipline, sacrifice, danger, warfare.
    - These things Epaphroditus had done( **2 Tim. 2:3-4; 4:6-8** ).
- B. HE LONGS FOR YOU ALL ( **vs. 26** ).
  1. He was troubled because of their concern for him and his illness.
  2. They should have been concerned ( **Rom. 12:15; 1 Pet. 3:8** ).
  3. His illness brought him to death's door ( **vs. 27** ).
    - a. His **healing** was **from God** ( **James 1:17** ).
    - b. God doesn't always let us have our way ( **2 Cor. 12:7-9** ).
    - c. But **his will is always for our benefit** ( **Rom. 8:28** ).

- Work for Epaphroditus.
- Comfort for Paul and the Philippian brethren.
- 4. Illness contracted while doing the Lord's work ( **vs. 30** ).
  - a. Same attitude as Paul and Timothy ( **2 Cor. 12:15** ).
  - b. He then ought to be held in honor ( **vs. 29** ).

**CONCLUSION: WHAT WOULD PAUL SAY ABOUT US?**