

PAUL'S COMPANIONS IN MINISTRY TIMOTHY AND EPAPHRODITUS WERE DEFINITELY A PRECIOUS PAIR OF FELLOW WORKERS BEING USED BY GOD IN SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL

V19 PAUL INTRODUCES TIMOTHY FIRST WITH THE HOPE OF SENDING TIMOTHY TO GET NEWS ON THE CONDITION OF THE PHILIPPIAN CHURCH THAT HE MIGHT BE ENCOURAGED

V20 PAUL'S CONCERN WAS FOR THEIR WELFARE AND HE SENDS TIMOTHY BECAUSE GOD HAS GIVEN HIM A KINDRED SPIRIT WITH PAUL IN HIS GENUINE CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF THE PHILIPPIANS

TIMOTHY ALSO POSSESSED A SUBMISSIVE MIND HAVING A SERVANT ATTITUDE MINISTERING TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS HAVING A HEART OF COMPASSION FOR THEM FULFILLING CHRIST WORK IN HIS BODY ON EARTH

V21 THERE WERE MANY OTHERS BUT THOSE WITH A SUBMISSIVE MIND TRUE SERVANTS ARE RARE MOST WERE SEEKING AFTER THEIR OWN INTEREST AND NOT THOSE OF CHRIST JESUS THIS KIND OF MATURITY TAKES TIME

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE IS THE ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF LOVE LAYING DOWN YOUR LIFE FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS MINISTERING LIKE JESUS WHO LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS CHILDREN PHILIP 2:4-8

V22 PAUL HAD MENTORED TIMOTHY AS HIS SON IN THE FAITH AND TIMOTHY HAD PROVEN HIS WORTH 2TIM 3:10-17 TIMOTHY HAD BEEN FOUND FAITHFUL AND GOD HAD HONORED FAITHFULNESS

V23-24 PAUL WAS SENDING TIMOTHY IN HIS PLACE HOPING TO EVENTUALLY GO HIMSELF TIMOTHY HAS BEEN MENTORED AS A SON FOUND FAITHFUL AS A SERVANT AND NOW HE WOULD BE PAUL'S SUBSTITUTE

V25 EPAPHRODITUS WAS A MEMBER OF THE PHILIPPIAN CHURCH WHO RISKED HIS HEALTH AND LIFE TO CARRY THEIR MISSIONARY OFFERING TO THE APOSTLE PAUL IN ROME

PAUL CALLS HIM HIS BROTHER HIS FELLOW WORKER AND FELLOW SOLDIER THEIR FELLOWSHIP WAS IN THE GOSPEL THEY LABORED FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL FOR THE SOULS OF MEN

V26-27 THE PHILIPPIANS MESSENGER HAD MINISTERED TO PAUL WHEN HE HIMSELF WAS IN NEED SACRIFICING HIS HEALTH AND HIS LIFE IN HIS SERVICE OF FAITH

EPAPHRODITUS WAS SENT OUT AS A VESSEL OF MERCY AND GOD HAD MERCY ON HIM AND NOT ONLY HIM BUT ON PAUL AND THE CHURCH AT PHILIPPI HE WAS A BLESSING TO ALL OF THEM HE BROUGHT THEM JOY

V28-30 SERVANTS LIKE TIMOTHY AND EPAPHRODITUS ARE A JOY TO THOSE THEY MINISTER TO THE SOURCE OF THAT JOY IS A WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN THEM THEY WERE WORKING OUT WHAT WAS IN THEM SUBMITTING THEIR LIVES TO CHRIST FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE GOOD OF OTHERS

THIS IS WHAT LOVE LOOKS LIKE THEY HAD GONE THE EXTRA MILE THEIR LIVES WERE PROOF THAT SALVATION GOES BEYOND WHAT IS NATURAL THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS WERE KNIT TOGETHER THEY WERE UNITED IN THEIR LOVE FOR GOD AND EACH OTHER

WHAT A PAIR THEY HAD ENCOURAGED PAUL IN HIS TIME OF NEED SEEING GOD WORK IN AND THROUGH THEM FOR HIS GOOD AND THE GOOD OF THE CHURCH

GOD'S WORK NEVER LACKS GOD'S SUPPLY GOD NEVER LEAVES US TO OURSELVES HIS LOVE FOR US NEVER FAILS

PHILIP 4:18-19 GOD HAD SUPPLIED ALL HIS NEEDS EVEN WHEN HE WAS IN PRISON IN ROME