



BIBLE STUDY

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Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

“Joyful Living Through Christ: Embracing Humility, Unity, and Perseverance in the Face of Trials”

“WHEN ORDINARY IS EXTRAORDINARY”

Philippians 2:19-30

I. Overview

1. Paul calls the church to a place of _____, _____, and _____, and he encourages them to have the _____ that was in _____.
2. Paul moves from _____ Christ _____, to how believers are to _____ *because of* who Christ is.
3. Living out the mind of Christ means choosing to _____ the way Jesus did. He chose _____ instead of pride. He chose _____ instead of doing things His own way. And He chose to _____, even when it cost Him something.

II. Timothy – Genuine Servanthood (vv. 19-24)

1. Paul reminds us that his plans are submitted to the _____ of the Lord Christ Jesus.
2. Paul's joy was intrinsically connected to the _____ and _____ of those who followed his teachings of Jesus.
3. Paul highlights Timothy's sincere _____ for the _____ of others.
4. The term like-minded means _____. Timothy shared Paul's _____, his _____, and _____ for the work of Christ.
5. What made Timothy invaluable was not his personality or his position. It was his _____. He was fully _____ to God's purposes.

III. Epaphroditus – Sacrificial Faithfulness (vv. 25-27)

1. Epaphroditus was a _____, a fellow _____, a fellow _____, a _____ sent by the church, and a _____ to Paul's needs.
2. Even in _____ and weakness, his concern remained _____-focused.
3. When we serve _____ and find ourselves weary, burdened, or stretched, God's mercy is still _____.

IV. The Church's Responsibility – Honoring Faithful Service (vv. 28-30)

1. Paul instructs the believers to receive Epaphroditus with _____ and _____ people like him because they are _____ of honor.

2. Honor is recognizing the _____ of _____ at work in someone's life.
3. The work of Christ is a _____ work. Everybody can't do everything, but everybody can do something.
4. Epaphroditus showed us what _____ commitment looks like when _____ costs us something.

PARALLEL EXAMPLES

Christ (2:5–11)	Timothy (2:19–24)	Epaphroditus (2:25–30)
Emptied Himself	Put others first	Risked his life
Served humbly	Served genuinely	Served sacrificially
Obedient unto death	Proven faithful	Near death for Christ
Exalted by God	Commended by Paul	Honored by church

NOTES: _____

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Timothy's Character (vv. 19-24)

1. Why does Paul highlight Timothy's *genuine* concern and lack of ulterior motives, and what does this say about hypocrisy in ministry?
2. What makes Timothy so unique and valuable to Paul, and how do his qualities (faithful, available, teachable) contrast with others?
3. How can we identify and emulate Timothy's sincere care in our own church communities today?

Epaphroditus's Service (vv. 25-27)

1. What does Epaphroditus's willingness to risk his life for the gospel teach us about the nature of true ministry and sacrifice?
2. In what ways can we see God at work through suffering or difficult circumstances, as seen with Epaphroditus?

The Church's Responsibility (vv. 28-30)

1. How do Paul's high commendations of Epaphroditus, despite his near-death experience, challenge our views on service and recognition?

Personal Application

1. How can we ensure our service to others comes from the heart and isn't just for show or personal gain?
2. Who are the "Timothy" and "Epaphroditus" figures in your life, and what lessons do their lives offer for your own spiritual journey?
3. How does Paul's focus on these ordinary, practical details connect to the larger theological truth of Christ's self-emptying (vv. 6-11)?
4. What practical steps can you take this week to "work out your salvation" with fear and trembling, allowing God to work in you?