PHILIPPIANS

Characteristics of Christ’s Followers

19I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. 20I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. 21For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. 22But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. 23I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. 24And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.

25But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. 26For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. 27Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. 28Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. 29So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, 30because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me. [Philippians 2:19-30]

1. The Context: What do we know about…
   1. Timothy?
   2. Epaphroditus?
2. What patterns of Godly living are exhibited in…
   1. Timothy? Proven Worth:
   2. Epaphroditus? Honorable:
   3. Conforming to God’s Kingdom Activity:
3. They are sent because…
   1. God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
      1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to send Timothy for your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
      2. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to send Epaphroditus to make them \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   2. “Moreover”