

A Servant's Heart is Exercised (Philippians 2:19-30)

Paul's desire for each of us is that we know that a _____ heart and a _____ mind are necessities for joy in the Christian life.

I. Timothy's Example (Philippians 2:19-24)

A. His _____-Mindedness (v. 19-20a)

"*but I trust in the Lord Jesus*" – Paul's plans were subject to the _____ of God—he was a *doulos*—as one who was responsive to the _____ of his Master.

Paul's Command: Philippians 2:2

Christ's Example: Philippians 2:6-7

B. His _____ Care (v. 20b-21)

This kind of "*care*" speaks of putting your compassionate thoughts for others into _____—therefore Timothy "*naturally*" or lit. had _____ "*care*" for others.

To "*seek their own*" is to crave something, but figuratively it is to _____.

Wiersbe – In a very real sense, all of us live either in [Phi 1:21](#) or [Phi 2:21](#)!

Php 1:21 For to me to live *is Christ*, and to die *is gain*.

Cf. Mark 10:35-37 & 45

Phillips – True service is total service! We are called to carry on the work of Him who "*took upon Him the form of a servant.*" He went all the way. How can we say, "I'll go a *little way*?"

Q: Does your concern for others outweigh your concern for yourself?

C. His _____ Character (v. 22-24)

The phrase "*a son with the father*" speaks of a very _____ and _____ relationship with no fear of abandonment. Their loyalty was to Christ as well as each other.

Wiersbe – The submissive mind is not the product of an hour's sermon, or a week's seminar, or even a year's service. The submissive mind grows in us as, like Timothy, we yield to the Lord and seek to serve others.

II. Epaphroditus' Example (Philippians 2:25-30)

A. His _____ (v. 25)

John Phillips – "*he that ministered*" – In the Septuagint that expression is used of the specially consecrated priests and Levites.

B. His _____-Mindedness (v. 26-28)

1. The _____ in suffering (v. 26)

Matthew 26:37 And **He** took with **Him** Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

Notice who was on Epaphroditus' mind—"...*because that ye had heard that he had been sick.*"

2. The _____ of his sickness (v. 27)

Paul _____ attitude toward the Philippian saints is seen here. The sorrow of being distant from a dear friend would be offset by the rejoicing of others.

C. His _____ (v. 29-30)

1 Peter 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Sion a chief **Corner Stone**, elect, precious [*highly valued*]: and he that believeth [*entrust*] on **Him** shall not be confounded [*disgraced*]."

Romans 12:1-2

Questions to help prepare for next Sunday's message: (Read Php. 3:1-11)

1. How do your decisions affect your living?
2. In what sense is choosing between Christ and the world a daily battle for all believers?
3. Besides the Lord, what other objects of rejoicing might the Philippians have had?
4. Why is adding works to the Gospel so attractive to many followers of false religions?
5. How does 1 Timothy 1:12-15 compliment Philippians 3:5-6?
6. Why did Paul consider his credentials a loss (v. 7)?
7. What will happen to a believers life if they do not make it a point to know Christ more?