

**PRESS ON
IN CONFIDENCE****A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS AND COLOSSIANS**

LESSON 8 PHILIPPIANS 2:19-30

1. What truth, verse, or insight from last week's study of **Philippians 2:11-18** was helpful to you?

2. Pray and ask God what He wants to reveal to you as you study this passage where Paul talked about two of his colleagues in ministry, Timothy and Epaphroditus. Then read **Philippians 2:19-30**.
3. From **V19**, what task did Paul have planned for Timothy and for what reason?

4. a) In **V20-21**, which characteristics of Timothy that Paul highlighted stand out to you and why?

b) What groups or causes do you care deeply about, the way that Paul and Timothy both deeply cared for the Philippian church? Explain.

5. a) Read **V22** together with **1 Corinthians 4:14-17**. What do you learn about the nature of the fatherly love Paul had for Timothy and other believers, and how does that warm your heart?

b) Let **1 Thessalonians 2:11-12** and **Galatians 4:19** guide you on what it means to be a spiritual parent. What stood out to you?

- c) Who do you regard as a spiritual parent or to whom are you a spiritual parent? How did that relationship develop?
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6. Starting in **V25**, Paul shifted his focus from Timothy to Epaphroditus.

- a) What words or phrases did Paul use to describe him? Which one resonates with you and why?

b) Who sent Epaphroditus to Paul, and why was he sent (**V25, V30b**)?

7. From **V26-28**, what were the circumstances for Paul sending Epaphroditus back to Philippi? Comment on any or all of the emotions.

8. In **V29-30**, how were the Philippians to welcome him and why?

9. a) Where have you witnessed an Epaphroditus-like person in action - someone who willingly and sacrificially cares for others in need? Explain.

b) Where might you step in to personally offer care to someone in need?

10. What is your big take away that will help you press on in confidence from:

- Timothy's life

 - Epaphroditus' life
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1. This lesson highlighted two men who faithfully served in the early church. What do the following verses have to teach us about our attitude in serving?

- **Galatians 5:13**

- **Ephesians 6:7**

- **1 Peter 4:10-11**

- **1 Peter 5:2-3**

2. In the following verses, pick out a phrase about serving, and make it personal by putting your name in it.

- **Joshua 24:15**

- **Matthew 9:37**

- **John 4:34-37**

- **Hebrews 6:10**

3. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Ephesians 6:7**

b) Form a prayer that flows from these passages about spiritual parenthood or serving.

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PRAYER REQUEST