

WORKMEN for the Work of Christ

(Philippians 2:19-30)

Sunday 7th September 2025



Philippians 2:19-30, NKJV

Timothy Commended

19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. 20 For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. 21 For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. 22 But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel. 23 Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me. 24 But I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly.



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Epaphroditus Praised

25 Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need; 26 since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. 27 For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.



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28 Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful. 29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem; 30 because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.



(A) Paul trusted in the Lord (2:19, 24)

(V.19) But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state [condition]

(V.24) But I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly.

- Hope in the Lord... The Lord's willing...
- According to God's way and in His timing

(B) Personal Relationship between Paul and Timothy

Phil.2:22 – as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel

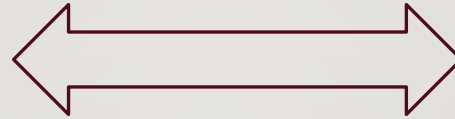
- 1 Cor.4:17 For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord...
- 1 Tim. 1:2 To Timothy my true son in the faith:
- 2 Tim. 1:2 To Timothy, my dear son:

(B) Personal Relationship between Paul and Epaphroditus (2:25)

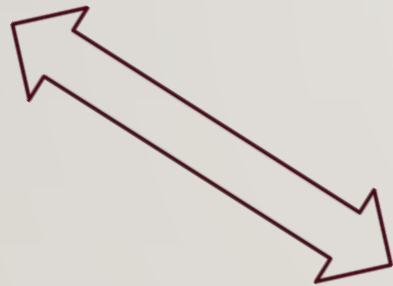
- (i) (My) Brother
- (ii) Fellow worker / companion – in God's field
- (iii) Fellow soldier – in battle ground – close ranks
- (iv) (Your) Messenger – carrier of the letter
- (v) Minister (4:18) - ...now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

JESUS CHRIST

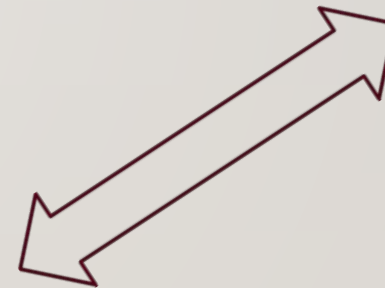
Apostle Paul



Timothy
Epaphroditus



The Philippian
Church



Reciprocal Relationships

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Elders / Min. Leaders

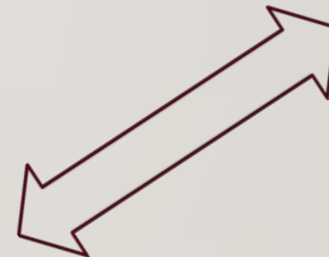
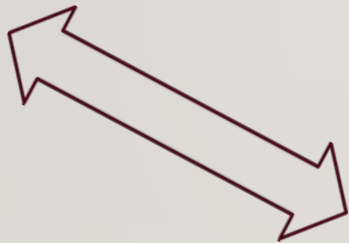
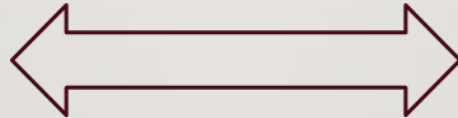
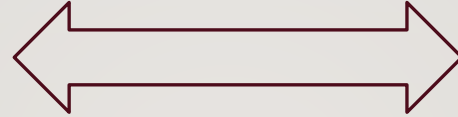
Church members

CG Leaders

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Community outreach
Mission work

Reciprocal Relationships



(C) Proven Character

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(V.21) For the others care only for themselves - seek their own interests, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

(V.22) You know of Timothy's tested worth and his proven character...

(C) Proven Character

II. **Epaphroditus Praised** – (Phil.2:25-27)

- Intended for him to stay in Rome and be Paul's personal servant and attendant
- A brave man to risk his own life to serve Paul on behalf of the Philippians (gamble)
- Was so ill that he nearly die

(C) Proven Character

III. **Paul Exemplified** – (Phil.2:28-30)

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(C) Proven Character

III. **Paul Exemplified** – (Phil.2:28-30)

- Make it easy for Epaphroditus to go home
 - To silent any possible criticism of his return
 - To testify that Epaphroditus is not a quitter
 - To remind the Philippians to give him proper recognition

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(A) Paul trusted in the Lord (2:19, 24)

(B) Personal Relationships – between Paul and...

1. Timothy
2. Epaphroditus
3. Reciprocal relationships among them with the Philippian Church

(C) Proven Character

1. Timothy Commended (2:20-22)
2. Epaphroditus Praised (2:25-27)
3. Paul Exemplified (2:28-30)