

## Timothy and Epaphroditus - Philippians 2:19-30

### Topics

Church, Encouragement, God, Honor, Jesus Christ, Partnerships, Risk, Sacrifice, Sickness

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**BIBLE STUDY**

**Philippians 2:19-30**  
“Paul Commends Timothy and Epaphroditus”

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**INTRODUCTION**

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## Paul Commends Timothy and Epaphroditus

### **INTRODUCTION**

Paul had nothing but praise for two of his coworkers—Timothy and Epaphroditus ([2:25-30](#)). Both had proven themselves to be faithful in the ministry and sincere in their love for fellow believers. Because he could not go to Philippi, Paul would soon send Timothy.

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**SCRIPTURE**

# Philippians 2:19-30

## Paul Commends Timothy and Epaphroditus

### SCRIPTURE

<sup>19</sup> But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.

<sup>20</sup> For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.

<sup>21</sup> For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

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### SCRIPTURE

<sup>22</sup> But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.

<sup>23</sup> Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me.



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### SCRIPTURE

<sup>24</sup> But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

<sup>25</sup> Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellow soldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

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<sup>26</sup> For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.

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# Philippians 2:19-30

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<sup>28</sup> I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.

<sup>29</sup> Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation:

<sup>30</sup> Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

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**EXPLORE IT QUESTIONS**

# Philippians 2:19

## Paul Commends Timothy and Epaphroditus

### EXPLORE IT QUESTIONS

3. Why did Paul plan to send Timothy to the Philippians? ([2:19](#))

# Philippians 2:19

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But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state (**2:19 KJV**).

# Philippians 2:20

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### EXPLORE IT QUESTIONS

4. What was Paul's opinion of Timothy? (2:20)

# Philippians 2:20

## Paul Commends Timothy and Epaphroditus

### **EXPLORE IT QUESTIONS**

For I have no man likeminded,  
who will naturally care for  
your state (**2:20 KJV**).



# Philippians 2:20

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### EXPLORE IT QUESTIONS

5. What was Timothy's relationship with the church at Philippi?  
([2:20](#))

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# Philippians 2:21-22

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### EXPLORE IT QUESTIONS

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**(2:21-22 KJV)**

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7. When would Paul send Timothy to the Philippians? ([2:23](#))

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Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me (**2:23 KJV**).

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10. Why did the Philippians send Epaphroditus to Paul? ([2:25](#))

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**(2:26 KJV)**

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