

# *Philippians*

Find Your Joy in Living Worthy of the  
—— Gospel ——

Philippians 2:19-30





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**Honorable Men:**

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**Timothy and Epaphroditus**



In Philippians Chapter 2, we see four individuals who found their joy in living worthy of the Gospel:

- In vs 1-11: The Lord Jesus Christ
- In vs 12-18: Paul
- In vs 19-24: Timothy
- In vs 25-30: Epaphroditus.

Vs 19 “But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition.”

\* Who was Timothy?

- He was the son of a mixed marriage, his mother a Jewess, his father a Greek. (Acts 16:1).
- He was a native of Lystra (Acts 16:1)
- He probably came to faith in Christ because of the godly witness of his grandmother Lois & mother Eunice. (2Tim. 1:5)
- He was Paul’s son in the faith (1Tim. 1:2, 2Tim. 1:2; 2:1)



\* How was Timothy called into ministry?

1 Tim. 1:18 “This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may fight the good fight”

1 Tim. 4:14 “Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed upon you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery.”

2 Tim. 1:6: “And for this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.”

2 Timothy 1:7 “For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.”



2:19 “But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition.

2:20 For I have no one else of **kindred spirit** who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare.”

The Greek for kindred spirit is *isopsuchos* meaning

“equal in soul”.

R.P. Lightner: “Timothy stood out as a rare gem in a world of self-seekers”

2:21 “For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.”

\* “Are we living in Philippians 2:21 ‘For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus’

or are we living in Philippians 1:21, ‘For me to live is Christ and to die is gain?’”

Col. 3:1,2 “If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.”



2:22 But you know of his proven worth that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father.”





2Tim.2:2 “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

Phil 2:23 “Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I see how things go with me;



Vs 24 “and I trust in the Lord that I myself also shall be coming shortly.”

James 4:13-15 “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow, we shall go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.’ Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we shall live and also do this or that.’”

2:25 “But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need.”

4:18 “But I have received everything in full, and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.”



2:25 “But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, **my brother** and **fellow worker** and **fellow soldier**, who is also your **messenger** and **minister** to my need”

2:26 “because he was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick”







2:27 “For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.”

## Some insights on sickness & healing:

- Healing depends on God's will.
- Even though Paul had the gift of healing, he did not always use it. 2 Timothy 4:20 "...Trophimus I left sick at Miletus."
- Sickness is not always the result of sin. Epaphroditus was sick not because of sin, but because of his faithful service for the work of Christ.
- Healing is a mercy from God and not something we can demand from Him as our right.

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2:28 “Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly in order that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less concerned about you.

2:29 Therefore receive him in the Lord with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard;

2:30 because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was deficient in your service to me.”