



A Faithful Servant

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OT Reference: Lam. 3:22; Ps. 23:6 **NT Reference:** Matt. 16:25; Rom. 12:1 – 2, 10; 1 Cor. 16:15 – 18; Eph. 6:10 – 20; 1 Thess. 4:13; 2 Tim. 2:3 – 4

Philippians 2: 25 – 30 ²⁵*I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need,* ²⁶*for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill.* ²⁷*Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.* ²⁸*I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious.* ²⁹*So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men,* ³⁰*for he nearly died^[1] for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me*

Summary of Text: In this text the Apostle Paul informs the Philippians of who is going to be where when as he expresses his own desire to visit. At the same time, he puts forth Timothy and Epaphroditus as exemplars of faithful service to Christ and the Church.

This text: In this text, the Apostle Paul encourages the Philippians by way of the exceptional _____ of Epaphroditus as he emulates Christ.

The Point: We should all strive to be faithful _____ in the family of Christ who lovingly display his attitude.

Question: Do I have the attitude of a faithful servant?

A Faithful Servant (Epaphroditus) is:

- **Thought** _____
- Brother.
- Coworker/Fellow Laborer
- **Tenacious**
- Fellow _____
- Messenger and _____

“All believers are God’s priests, and all believers are called to worship God through sacrificial service.” – Tony Merida

- _____
- _____
- **Deserving of** _____.

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. (Rom 12:10 ESV)

- **Thought** _____

“He alone can build [His Church] and he chooses many for his stones not many wise, powerful, or wealthy. It is composed of losers – those who have lost everything for Christ’s sake, but have found everything in him.” - Edmund Clowney

“Many, many times I have looked back at my own journey. Had I known the cost it would exact, I am absolutely positive that at the very least I would have had grave reservations and trembled at stepping onto the road. What I have concluded is this: The greatest of loves will often come at the greatest of costs. We may never be imprisoned for our faith, but what one deems to be of ultimate value exacts a cost in proportion.” – Ravi Zacharias

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