

Philippians 2:19–24**The example of Timothy****Review**

1. To be likeminded
2. The mind of Christ
3. Obedience
4. Shine as lights
5. Rejoice

Background of Timothy (Acts 16:1–5)

1. A disciple of the Lord
2. From a mixed marriage
3. Well-spoken of by the brethren
4. He was willing to be circumcised to minister to the Jews

The capacity of Timothy

“But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly,” (Phil 2:19)

1. Paul’s hope and trust are in the Lord Jesus
 - a. Ἐλπίζω...elpizo...hope, trust
 - b. To send Timothy to the brethren
2. Paul’s concern for the brethren

“that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.” (Phil 2:19)

 - a. ἵνα...conjunction...that...indicative of purpose
 - b. εὐψυχωῶ...eupsuchoo...be in good spirits, feel encouraged
 - c. It reflected Paul’s love and devotion to the brethren

The example of Timothy

1. Like-minded

“For I have no one like-minded,” (Phil 2:20)

 - a. ἰσοψυχον...isopsuchos...iso...equal...psuchos...spirit...same spirit
 - b. Paul had no one like Timothy...who is of the same spirit...like-minded
2. Genuine care for the brethren

“who will sincerely care for your state.” (Phil 2:20)

 - a. γνησιως...adverb...gnesios...genuinely, sincerely

b. μεριμνησει...merimnao...to be anxious, to care for

3. He did not seek his own

“For all seek their own,” (Phil 2:21)

a. ζητουσιν...zeteo...to seek...

b. τὰ ἑαυτῶν...the things of themselves

c. But not Timothy who did not seek his own things...his own interest

4. He sought the things of Christ

“not the things which are of Christ Jesus.” (Phil 2:21)

a. τὰ Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ...the things of Christ Jesus

b. Paul also observed that all tend not to seek for Christ

5. A proven character

“But you know his proven character,” (Phil 2:22)

a. γινωσκετε...ginosko...to know

b. δοκιμην...dokime...test, proof

c. Paul highlighted to the brethren the tried and proven character of Timothy

Paul’s endorsement of Timothy

“that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.” (Phil 2:22)

1. Paul regarded Timothy as a son (1 Tim 1:2) “a true son”

2. Just as a father would relate with his son

3. ἐδούλευσεν...douleuo...to be a slave

a. Timothy saw himself also as a slave... (Phil 1:1...bondservants)

b. He served with Paul his father as slaves

Paul’s consideration for Timothy and himself

1. The urgency of sending Timothy

“Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me.” (Phil 2:23)

2. Confidence in coming personally

“but I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly.” (Phil 2:24)