



Light-Shining Examples of Christ

Philippians 2:19-30

1) Timothy (19-22)

- a) Available for service
- b) Genuinely interested in the well-being of others
- c) Put Christ's glory above his own
- d) Prolonged service through toils & disappointments

2) Epaphroditus (25-30)

- a) Brother, fellow worker-soldier, messenger-minister
- b) Thinks of others instead of self
- c) A gift to the church; emulated
- d) Risked life for Christ in order to serve church
- e) Behind-the-scenes nobody
- f) Tested & approved through hardship

3) Applications

- a) Be of *the order of Timothy*
 - i) Growing spiritually under tutelage of a Paul-like figure
 - ii) Giving encouragement & serving a Paul-like figure
- b) Be of *the order of Epaphroditus*
 - i) Risked being taken advantage of, misjudged, & disliked for Christ
 - ii) Praying for these nobodies puts us in their camp