

I. The faithful servant Timothy (v. 19-24)

- A. He was a trusted messenger
- B. He showed genuine interest in others

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:4)

- C. He focused on the interests of Christ

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)

- D. He proved himself faithful

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!’” (Matthew 25:23)

- E. He was a servant for the gospel

- F. He had a servant’s reward

“In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.” (2 Timothy 4:1-2)

II. The faithful servant Epaphroditus (v. 25-30)

- A. He was a spiritual brother
- B. He was a fellow worker
- C. He was a fellow soldier

“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.” (2 Corinthians 10:4)

- D. He was a trusted messenger
- E. He was a faithful servant
- F. He was concerned about others
- G. He was a risk taker for Jesus
- H. He was worthy of honor

“Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.” (I Thessalonians 5:12-13)