



SHARING KINDRED SPIRITS AND PRACTICING SELFLESS LOVE *Philippians 2:14-18*

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Good morning Church! In the remaining verses of chapter 2, Paul informs the church of the traveling plans to send Timothy to Philippi and also Epaphroditus, who was a native, to return to the church and give thanks on behalf of Paul for their support of the gospel ministry. In this letter, God is using Paul to write about four examples to emulate for every believer of the body of Christ.

Four modeled examples for the Christian Service:

- Paul — a model of a SENDING Servant
- Jesus — offers Himself as SUFFERING Servant
- Timothy — a model of a SPIRITUAL Servant
- Epaphroditus — a model of SELFLESS Servant

Philippians 2:19-30

*"I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. **20** For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. **21** For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. **22** But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. **23** I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, **24** and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also. **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 for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me."*

1. Christians Share KINDRED SPIRITS. (v 19-24)

- LOVE to God's CHURCH
- DEVOTION to God's WORD
- COMMIT to Christ's MISSION

*“Look here, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit.” **14** How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it’s here a little while, then it’s gone. **15** What you ought to say is, “If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.” **16** Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil. **17** Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.” **James 4:13-17***

2. Christians Practice SELFLESS LOVE.

- The Church is to SHOW selfless love for EACH OTHER.
- The Church is to send out MISSIONARIES for Gospel WORK.
- Selfless SERVICE Strengthens Spiritual SUCCESS

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*