

# Philippians Series

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# Timothy: The Third Example

## Philippians 2:19–24



## **Review/Overview**

**Paul has challenged the Philippians to quit being self-absorbed, pursuing their own agendas, and to pursue Christlike character of humility and service to the body of Christ.**

**Example 1: Jesus Christ's humility in the incarnation.**

**Example 2: Paul himself, poured out like a drink offering.**

**Example 3: Timothy.**

**Example 4: Epaphroditus.**

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## **The picture in Php. 2:17**

**Paul sees his life, his ministry, to be analogous to the drink offering poured out on the burnt offering, the dedication to the partnership of the Philippian believers to the gospel ministry.**

**Their dedication is the “sacrifice of service” produced by their faith.**

**The result:**

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## Who was Timothy?

**Php. 2:19, “But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.” [NKJV]**

**What the Bible Teaches  
About**

**Timothy**



**1. His name *Timotheos* means God-honored,  
τίμιος, *timios*, means honor, θεός, *theos*, god.**

**17 ✕ in Pauline epistles, two letters addressed to him.**

**2. We know Timothy was a believer. This is a wonderful example of the role parents and grandparents play in witnessing to children.**

**2 Tim. 1:4, “greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy,**

**2 Tim. 1:5, “when I call to remembrance the unpretentious faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.” [NKJV]**

**1 Tim. 1:5, “Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith,”**

**2 Tim. 1:5, “when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.”**

**2 Tim. 3:14, “But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,**

**2 Tim. 3:15, “and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” [NKJV]**

**Acts 16:1, “Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek.**

**Acts 16:2, “He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium.**

**Acts 16:3, “Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek.”**

**3. Paul took Timothy under his wing to personally train him for the ministry. 1 Tim. 1:2**

**This was following Paul's return to Antioch, and then on his second missionary journey. By then Timothy and the other believers in Lystra were regular worshippers in their local assembly.**

**1 Tim. 1:2, "To Timothy, a true son in the faith:"**

**Also in 1 Tim. 1:18 "son Timothy"**

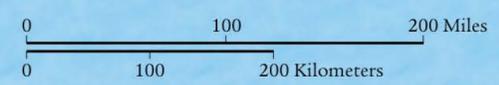
**4. When Paul decided to take Timothy with him on the second journey, he had him circumcised, so as not to hinder their missionary endeavors among the Jews. By this time Timothy was in his early to mid twenties. In 1 Tim. 4:12 written around AD 65 Paul referred to Timothy as a young man. In Jewish culture a man is young until forty.**

**5. In his early 20s, Timothy was “well spoken of by the other men at Lystra and Iconium” (Acts 16:2).**

**Paul saw this on his second journey and took Timothy with him.**

**6. Timothy was with Paul when he traveled into Europe following the Macedonian vision. Their first major stop was Philippi. Luke was also traveling with them, note the “we” in Acts 16, as was Silas.**

**7. When Paul left Philippi to go to Thessalonica, Timothy isn't mentioned. But when they left in Acts 17:14 to go to Berea, Timothy is mentioned as being with them in Berea.**



**PAUL'S FIRST AND SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEYS**

- City
- ← 1st missionary journey: outbound
- ← 1st missionary journey: inbound
- ← 2nd missionary journey: outbound
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**Acts 17:14, “Then immediately the brethren sent Paul away, to go to the sea; but both Silas and Timothy remained there.**

**Acts 17:15, “So those who conducted Paul brought him to Athens; and receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him with all speed, they departed.” [NKJV]**



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Byzantium  
(Istanbul)

MARMARA  
SEA

Philippi

Amphipolis

Neapolis

Thessalonica

Apollonia

Thasos

Berea

Samothrace

Lemnos

Troas

Lesbos

Mitylene

Pergamum

ASIA

Delphi

Evvoia

AEGEAN  
SEA

Chios

Smyrna

Sardis

Athens

Ephesus

Corinth

Samos

**8. Timothy and Silas eventually joined Paul in Corinth (Acts 18:5).**

**9. He next appears with Paul in Ephesus on his third journey (Acts 19:22), from where Paul sends Erastus and him into Macedonia ahead of himself.**

## **Timothy is described as Paul's:**

- **“Fellow worker” (Rom. 16:21; 1 Thess. 3:2)**
- **“Brother” (2 Cor. 1:1; Col. 1:1; 1 Thess. 3:2)**
- **“Bond-servant” (Php. 1:1)**
- **“Beloved and faithful child in the Lord” (1 Cor. 4:17)**
- **“Son” (1 Tim. 1:2; 2 Tim. 1:2)**
- **Coequal in the Lord's work (1 Cor. 16:10; 1 Thess. 3:2)**

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**to be encouraged, to be of a cheerful spirit**

**Php. 2:20, “For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.**

**Php. 2:21, “For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.**

**Php. 2:22, “But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.”**

**[NKJV]**

**Php. 2:2, “fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.”**

**Php. 2:3, “Not thinking or acting according to selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility of mind let each consider others better than himself.”**

**Php. 2:4, “Let each one of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”**

**Php. 2:5, “Let this mental attitude be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,**

**Php. 2:6, “who, although He eternally existed with the identical essence of God, He did not think equality with God a claim to be selfishly grasped after,**

**Php. 2:7, “but willingly limited Himself by receiving the essence of a servant/slave, and coming in the likeness of men.**

**Php. 2:8, “And by being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”**

**Php. 2:14, “Do all things without complaining and disputing,**

**Php. 2:15, “that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,**

**Php. 2:16, “by holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.”**