

INTRODUCTION

- * In Paul's letter to the church of Philippi, he is calling them to remain unified in Christ. A major subtheme of the writing is that this koinonia - this common oneness - is attained when each believer begins to consider himself, or herself, as the doulos (bondslave) of Christ. Paul has referred to himself as a doulos of Christ and then declared his life purpose: "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." Paul has then transitioned to challenging the church themselves to "let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."
- * Paul then revealed how Jesus set the ultimate example of setting the value and needs of others above own's own.
- * Now Paul transitions into showing what this looks like in a truly human form through the servanthood testimonies of Timothy and Epaphroditus.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE TESTIMONY OF PAUL (v. 17-18)

A. The E_____ of Paul's Sacrifice

B. The P_____ of Paul's Sacrifice

1. THE S_____ OF THEIR FAITH

- * cf. cf. Mark 12:33; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 10:18-22

2. THE S_____ OF THEIR FAITH

- * cf. Luke 1:23; John 16:1-3; Acts 13:1-2; 24:14; 27:23; Romans 1:9,25

II. THE TESTIMONY OF TIMOTHY (v. 19-24)

A. His Role (v. 19; cf. 1 Thess 3:2,6)

1. HE IS PAUL'S M_____

2. HE IS PAUL'S S_____

B. His Reputation ... He is a proven doulos!

1. HE HAS _____ (v. 20-21)

- * cf. Matthew 6:24; John 8:31-32; Ephesians 6:5-8

2. HE HAS _____ (v. 22)

III. THE TESTIMONY OF EPAPHRODITUS (v. 25-30)

A. His Role (v. 25)

1. MY FELLOW B_____ ... MY FELLOW W_____ ... MY FELLOW S_____

2. YOUR M_____ ... YOUR M_____

B. His Reputation

1. THE NEEDS OF THE PHILIPPIANS (v. 26-28)

2. THE NEEDS OF PAUL (v. 29-30)

INTROSPECTION

- * If someone was to describe your service to Christ, how would they describe it?
- * Do you bring joy to others, or are you cause of consternation?
- * If God were to call you to leave your home and family in order to minister to someone else - would you obey?
- * Young men are you willing to answer the call to be a servant of Christ?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Who are "modern day" servants of Christ to which we can look as godly models to follow? What about those individuals causes you to refer to them?
- * What changes can we, and should we, make to our own lives to become more committed in our service to Christ?