“Timothy: Paul’s Kindred Spirit” (Phil. 2:19-24)

(Philippians—Choose Joy! – Lesson #16)
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Introduction

1. Phil. 2:19-30 continues Paul’s missionary report that he began in 1:12-26.
2. In this section, Paul described his plans for 2 special coworkers: Timothy & Epaphroditus.

I. Who Was Timothy?

1. Timothy was a native of Lystra.
2. He had a Jewish mom (Eunice), a Greek father, and a Jewish grandmother (__________).
   A. His mother and grandmother reared him in the ways of the Lord (Jewish Christians).
   B. Many Southern Baptist Churches used to have a women’s class named the ________ class.
3. Timothy likely became a Christian when Paul preached in Lystra.
   A. Paul called him his “true child in the faith” (1 Tim. 1:2).
   B. Paul discipled Timothy. They are one of the ________ examples of discipleship in the New Testament.
4. Timothy joined Paul on Paul’s ________ missionary journey (Acts 16:1-3) and was on the 3rd journey, too.
5. Timothy later became pastor at Ephesus (1 Tim. 1:3)

II. Paul Was Genuinely Concerned for the Well-Being of the Philippian Church.

1. He __________ to send Timothy as soon as Paul’s house arrest was resolved (vv. 19, 23).
   A. Paul expected to be released __________ (v. 24).
   B. He tried to follow God’s will.
   C. But he always _________________ to unexpected changes God allowed.
2. Paul planned to be _________________ when he would hear the report about the church.
3. Paul kept up with his churches by sending letters and trusted coworkers.
   A. He had a missionary’s heart.
   B. He had a _____________ heart.

III. Why Will Paul Send Timothy?

1. Timothy was of “___________ spirit” (“like-souled” or “like-minded”) with Paul (v. 20).
   A. This trusted coworker had the same ____________ as Paul.
   B. He had the same _______________ (was on the same page) as Paul.
2. He sought the things of ___________ (v. 21).

3. He had proven his worth (v. 22).
   A. He worked with Paul in evangelism like a ___________ with his father.
   B. The Philippians ________ Timothy.
   C. Timothy was a great help to Paul during this time of house arrest.
   D. By sending his most valued co-worker, Paul showed the great ___________ of the Philippian Christians.

Application

1. Be a ____________.
2. Put Christ and others before yourself.
3. Be ____________ of others.
4. Be positive.
5. Be ____________.

Next Week (Sept. 9) – “Epaphroditus’ Near-Death Experience” (Phil. 2:25-30)