## TIMOTHY: A CHRISTIAN SERVANT Philippians 2:19-24

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Today, we continue our study in Philippians with the sermon titled: <u>Timothy: A Christian</u> <u>Servant.</u>

- The name of Timothy means <u>"Honoring God"</u> or "<u>Precious to God"</u> and he greatly honored God through his ministry. Paul referred to Timothy as "my own son in the faith" (1 Tim 1:2), "My dearly beloved son" (2 Tim 1:2), "my beloved son and faithful in the Lord" (1 Cor 4:17), "my workfellow" (Rom 16:21; 1 Thess 3:2), "Our Brother" (2 Cor 1:1) and as "The servant of Jesus Christ" (Phil 1:1).
- Paul wanted the Philippians to accept Timothy without any reservations. Therefore, Paul gave them a brief profile of Timothy, The Christian Servant. Paul knew Timothy was careful about how he lived and what he taught. Timothy was an excellent example of a faithful Christian servant.
- I. <u>A Christian Servant Possesses a True Kindred Spirit</u> (v. 20a)
  - A. Timothy was "like-minded"
  - B. In many ways, Timothy was a true kindred spirit of Paul.
  - C. Paul and Timothy agreed on Biblical Doctrines.
- II. <u>A Christian Servant is Genuinely Concerned About Others</u> (vv. 20b-21)
  - A. Timothy was Totally Unselfish
  - **B.** Timothy was totally committed to Christ (v. 21b)
- III. <u>A Christian Servant is Proven Worthy</u> (vv. 22-24)
  - **A.** Timothy had a track record of faithful service (v. 22a)
  - **B.** Timothy was Paul's true partner in the Gospel (v. 22c)
  - C. Timothy was like a faithful son to Paul in the Gospel (v. 22b)
  - **D.** Be willing to serve meet needs (vv. 23-24)

## **CONCLUSION:**

- **A.** Timothy was like a son to Paul in the ministry.
- **B.** "Upon a life I have not lived, upon a life I did not die: Another's life, Another's death, I stake my whole eternity!" (Hymn)

## C. A-B-C of Salvation

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).