

REJOICING IN THE MINDSET OF CHRIST

Pt 3

I. The Example of Christ (Philippians 2:5-11)

II. The Application Of This Mindset to Life (2:12-16)

III. Other Examples to Note (2:17-30)

A. The Example of Paul (2:16b-18)

B. The Example of Timothy (2:19-24)

C. The Example of Epaphroditus (2:25-30)

* Who was Epaphroditus? Cf 4:14-18

1. The words concerning this man expressed the _____ of Paul toward him (2:25a)

a. Paul's genuine care for the Philippian's well being is expressed by the phrase, "*I _____ it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus...*"

b. Paul's **conclusion** was that sending Epaphroditus back to Philippi was a _____.

2. The _____ of Epaphroditus (2:25b)

a. What he was to Paul:

1) my _____ in the lord

2) my fellow _____ for the cause of Christ

3) my fellow _____ in the conflict for Christ

b. What he was to the Philippian Church:

1) your _____

2) the man you sent to _____ to me

3. The _____ of Epaphroditus (2:26)

a. The fact that He _____ for them truly indicated he _____ about others.

b. He was _____ because he knew the Philippians had heard he had been _____.

- What did this indicate about his illness?

4. The _____ with Epaphroditus at Rome _____ (2:27)

a. Paul tells us that Epaphroditus had been seriously _____—to the point of almost _____.

- What are we to do when people get sick today? (James 5:13-14)

b. His recovery was an act of God's _____.

- What again is mercy?

c. His recovery had kept the apostle Paul from great _____ as well.

- What did this phrase mean?

5. The _____ of Epaphroditus back to Philippi (2:28a)

a. As soon as Epaphroditus had recovered, Paul _____ him back to Philippi

b. The **purpose** of this anticipated _____ was two-fold: (2:28b)

1) that the Philippians might _____ when they saw him

2) that Paul might be _____ because his healthy return home

6. The _____ the Philippians needed to heed (2:29)

a. _____ him in the Lord with all _____.

b. _____ such men in _____.

7. Why should the Philippians comply with Paul's request? (2:30)

a. Because Epaphroditus' motivation was the cause of _____, and for this cause he nearly _____ . (Isn't this the mindset of Christ?)

b. Because Epaphroditus didn't _____ his own life _____ unto himself
(Isn't this what Jesus Christ did for us?)

c. Because Epaphroditus sought diligently to supply your _____ to meet my _____.
(Isn't this preferring others before self? Isn't this the mind of Christ?)

*What does all this about a man like Epaphroditus mean to you?