

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?