

The Person God Uses

Philippians 2:19-30

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INTRODUCTION — What is the goal of our passage?

To move us from grumbling to **GRATITUDE**.

To give us an illustration of what it means to be **HUMBLE** and to **LOVE** and **SERVE** other Christians.

LESSON – The Person God Uses (2:19-30)

- I. THE MEN Who are Timothy and Epaphroditus?
 - Timothy (vs. 19-24)
 - Epaphroditus (vs. 25-30)

II. THE MARKS – Who Is the Person God Uses?

You will be <u>AVAILABLE</u>. "I hope to **send** ..." (vs. 19,23, 25, 28)

You will be available:

- 1. To the **SAVIOR**. "I hope **in** the Lord Jesus ..." (vs. 19, 24)
- 2. To His **SERVANTS**.

- "... he (Timothy) served **with me** in the furtherance of the gospel ..." (v. 22)
- "... Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, ..." (v. 25)
- 3. To His **SAINTS**.

"To send Timothy ... so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of **your condition**." (v. 19) - See v. 20

"... to send Epaphroditus ... who is also **your messenger** and **minister** to my need;" (v. 25) — See vs. 26-27

The Personal Application Point — When was the last time you ...

• You will be **SENSITIVE**. (vs. 22, 26)

"I have no one else of kindred **spirit** who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare." (v. 22)

"because he was **longing** for you all and was **distressed** ..." (v. 26)

You will be sensitive:

- 1. To the **WORD** of God.
- 2. To the **SPIRIT** of God.
- 3. To the **PEOPLE** of God.

The Personal Application Point — How genuine is your walk ...

• You will be **<u>RELIABLE</u>**. (vs. 20, 25)

The Personal Application Point — How dependable are you when it comes to ...