

“Profiles to Pursue”
Philippians 2:19-30

Did you ever have a hero, someone you wanted to be like?

The most inspirational heroes are the ones we can actually attain to. No one can actually be Superman. Only a select few can be a war hero. But everyone can be the friend, the Samaritan, the helper. In verses 19-30 Paul gives us two profiles that we can attain to.

Timothy the servant V. 19-24

Serving Heart v.19-21 – Real Christ-like concern. Timothy had no agenda to follow and was genuinely concerned about the welfare of others. ***James 3:13-18***
Practice v.22 – Learning applied. Take time to learn service and then practice it often in the small daily provisions of God. Bloom where you are planted by the master. ***1 Timothy 3:6-7***

Reward v.23 – Through service comes the blessings of God. Joy and peace beyond our understanding. ***Matthew 25:21***

Epaphroditus the faithful V. 25-30

Balance v.25 – Fellowship, labor, soldier all these in balance too much of one leaves the others vulnerable and us weak. ***Nehemiah 4:15-20***

Burden v.26-27 – For others, a heaviness in your heart a distress for others. ***Matthew 26:36-38***

Blessing v.28-30 – He was a blessing to Paul and the Church in Philippi and he in turn received a blessing. ***1 Thessalonians 5:12-13***

Application

Discussion Questions

How have you exercised your servant's heart this week?

How is your life and ministry balanced or not?

Who do you have a burden for?

Homework

Read *Philippians 3:1-11*

Answer the following questions:

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

Identify one person this week that you have a burden for and how you can or have helped them?