

Philippians 2:19-30 Part 3

1. I will send Timothy – vs. 19a – These Christians needed not only Paul's letter, but also needed to have a teacher come and speak in person. There is nothing like flesh and blood to hear the truth. So Paul was encouraging the church to begin working on the things he was bringing to the attention of the church. He said that Timothy would come shortly. That means soon.
2. So I may be encouraged – vs. 19b – Paul was convinced that the church would respond to his letter and that Timothy would find the church correcting the issues Paul had addressed. It was a guarantee, but Paul always believed in the best of the churches he wrote letters to. He always believed that they would do the right thing when it was brought to their attention.
3. No one better to send to you – vs. 20 – Timothy was the very best that Paul could send to these believers other than himself. Stop and think, they were getting not just some old worn out preacher, but a young enthusiastic, understudy of Paul. Timothy was Paul's right hand man for a while.
4. Others seek after their own interest – vs. 21 – Paul nails the other preachers and teachers he had encountered along the way. Many were preaching and teaching only to further their own popularity. Just as today we find that many "name it and claim it" and "feel good" preachers are doing it for their own gain.
5. Proven worth – vs. 22 – Again Paul shows the worth of Timothy by giving him an endorsement. When you want to know if you are getting truth, you need to know and trust the giver of that truth. Here Paul gives Timothy that validation. He even calls Timothy "like a son".