

BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS SERIES:

Joy in Christ

Philippians 2:19-22

Modelling The Christian Walk

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Ephesians 2:19-22

- What should we look for in a model Christian congregation?
- What should we look for in a model Christian leader? (examples)
 - All these things focus on what people do – not what they are.
 - Let's look at some people who do things as a direct result of having a **Spirit transformed character**.
 - I would like to explore with you the parallels between the Philippian brethren as model servants of God and Timothy – Paul's protégé - as a model Christian leader.





- Remember, the Philippians were just as persecuted as any other church; false teachers were trying to entice them in Paul's absence – but they remained steadfast, loving, faithful, obedient and generous.
- Speaking of generosity, Paul wrote to the Philippians as a direct response to a generous gift they sent to him whilst he was imprisoned in Rome.
- **No church is perfect:** But – is this a model church that we can all learn much from?
- *('How will we know – let's see what Paul says about them?')*



- “I thank my God in **all** my remembrance of you, **always in every prayer of mine** for you **all** making my prayer **with joy**, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” (Philippians 1:3-5)

- **Philippians 4:15-18 NLT**



- As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then travelled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once.

What distinguished the Philippians from other churches?



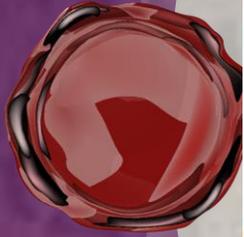
- Faithfulness to God
- Humility in serving
- Obedience to the word of God
- Demonstrate a transformed mind

- Timothy?

I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother **Lois** and in your mother **Eunice** and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. (2 Timothy 1:5)



'...that as a son with *his* father he served with me in the gospel.' (Philippians 2:22)





Let me just tackle something here: Showing Godly humility does not mean you are a pushover – as the world sees it nowadays.

Jesus Christ is our pattern and He was never a pushover! Christ demonstrated Godly humility.

Godly humility is strength under the control of the Holy Spirit. (humility)

Jesus said to His disciples, in [Matthew 20:26-28](#):

But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ **even** as the Son of Man came not to **be served** but to **serve**, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

“..learn of me, for I am gentle and **humble in heart**...Matthew 11:29

What About Timothy?



¹⁹ But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be **encouraged** when I know your state.

²⁰ For I have no one like-minded, **who will sincerely care** for your state.

²¹ For all seek their own; **not the things which are of Christ Jesus.**

²² But you know his **proven character**, that **as a son with *his* father** he **served** with me in the gospel.

(Philippians 2:19-22)

Application



- **Faithfulness** – A characteristic of God's ethical nature.
- **Humility** – You can only be exalted by God if you are humble.
- **Obedience** – It takes humility to obey.
- **A transformed Mind** – “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” **(Romans 12:2)**