



**Series: “BE”**  
*Be Like Timothy and Epaphroditus*  
*Philippians 2:19-30*

Paul had many workers who helped lead the church and share the message of the church. Two of these, Timothy and Epaphroditus, are mentioned in today's text, Philippians 2:19-30. Both men are examples of Paul's description of who/what we are in the church. Being a part or member of the body of Christ is more than just attending a service. For the Body of Christ at WCC to be all God wants us to be, we must pattern our lives after most importantly Jesus Christ and others like the Apostle Paul, Timothy and Epaphroditus.

**To be like Timothy I must...**

- **Learn** to follow.

*“I hope in the Lord Jesus to **send Timothy** to you soon. I will be happy to learn how you are.” (v. 19)*

*“I plan to **send him** to you quickly when I know what will happen to me. I am sure that the Lord will help me to come to you soon.” (vs. 23-24)*

◆ Am I willing to follow?

- **Care** for others in the church.

*“I have no one else like Timothy, who truly **cares** for you.” (v. 20)*

◆ Do I care for others in the church?

- **Prioritize** my interest.

*“Other people are interested only in their **own lives**, not in the **work of Jesus Christ**.” (v. 21)*

◆ Am I more interested in my life or the work of Jesus Christ?

- **Serve** in Sharing the Good News (Gospel).

*“You know the kind of person Timothy is. You know **he has served with me** in telling the Good News, as a son serves his father. (v. 22)*

◆ Am I serving by telling the Good News?

## To be like Epaphroditus, I must...

- **Work** and **serve** with my **brothers** and **sisters**  
in the church as **ministers / messengers**.

But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my **brother** and **fellow worker** and **fellow soldier**, who is also your **messenger** and **minister** to my need.

◆ Am I working and serving in the church?

- not only be interested in **my own life**, but in **the lives of others**.

*"I am sending him because he wants very much to see all of you. He is worried because you hear that he was sick, Yes, he was sick, and nearly died, but God had mercy on him and me too so that I would not have more sadness. I want very much to send him to you so that when you see him you can be happy, and I can stop worrying about you. Welcome him in the Lord with much joy. Give honor to people like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to give me the help you could not give in your service to me." (vs. 26-30)*

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests (His serious illness) but each of you to the interests of the others (their illness over his serious illness). 2:3-4*

◆ Am I only interested in myself or am I also interested in the lives of others?