

# Role Models for Faithful Christian Living

Philippians 2:19-30

“The Apostle Paul’s brief references to Timothy and then Epaphroditus here in Philippians are not casual but rather are meant to capture our attention and top off Paul’s train of thought that began in 1:27, *Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.*

“Now in verses 19-30 Paul gives flesh-and-blood examples of the selfless conduct to which he is calling the Philippian church. Here are men who live lives *worthy of the gospel of Christ* (1: 27).

- Kent Hughes

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*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (2:3-4)*

*For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. (vv.20-21)*

*Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. (Philemon, vv.23-24)*

*Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. (2 Tim.4:11)*

*For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. (2 Tim.4:10)*

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*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 Jn.4:7-8)*

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*But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. (v.22)*

*For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God (2 Tim.1:6-8).*

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*I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need (v.25)*

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*for he nearly died for the work of Christ  
(v. 30a).*

*So receive him in the Lord with all joy,  
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“Dot was a member of LaFrance First Baptist Church, where she had served as a Sunday School teacher and Assistant Treasurer for many years. She demonstrated a true servant’s spirit as she always put others before herself, and tirelessly sought to meet the needs of her family and others in her community. Dot had a special gift of lovingly and patiently caring for several family members over the years who suffered from Alzheimer’s.