

### **A Shared Service (Philippians 2:12–30)**

Christian service – for me?  
Not an optional extra

#### **1. Christian service begins with God at work in us (v12-13)**

Work out your salvation  
Holiness and Service that flows from salvation.  
With fear and trembling

God works in us.  
At the level of the desire (*to will*) and the strength (*to act*)

#### **2. Serving with a Christlike attitude (v 14-16)**

Service without grumbling and arguing.  
Reflects the mindset of Christ.  
A blameless and pure life shines in a dark world. (v15-16)

#### **3. Christian service can be costly but joyful (v17-18).**

Paul ready to give up his life  
Philippian church's sacrificial service.

Sacrificial service today.

Joy in the sacrifice.  
Jesus suffered and died for us.  
Christian service is costly but never wasted.

### **4. Models of faithful Christian service (v19-24, 25-30)**

#### *a. Timothy: One who seeks the interest of others*

Trusted partner in the gospel work.  
Proven in gospel work  
Paul had no one like him  
Mindset of Christ – concern for others

Paul's travel plan. Dependent on God.  
News that will bring in cheer.  
Feedback for gospel workers.

#### *b. Epaphroditus: One who risked his life for the work of Christ*

Risking his life for service to Paul.

Essential gift for Paul.

Ordinary man. Ordinary job – courier and servant.  
Vital for Paul's gospel work.  
Brother, co-worker and fellow soldier.

His illness. Almost died.  
Sending him home.

Received with joy and honour.

Conclusion