**The Interests of Christ**

[Philippians 2:19-30](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=%20Philippians%202%3A19-30&version=ESV)   
Key Verses 21: “For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ”.

**Look at verses 19-24**

1. What was Paul's purpose in sending Timothy to them?(19, 23,24) What qualities did Timothy have that made Paul choose to send him?(20-22) Why do you think these qualities are important?
2. What does it mean to seek the interests of Christ?(21) What are the interests of Christ? How do you think we can make our interests to be the same as Christ’s?
3. How did Timothy prove himself as the one who sought the interests of Jesus?(22) Why do you think serving in the gospel together helps us seek the interests of Jesus?"

**V25-30**

1. Who was Epaphroditus to Paul(25 & [Philippians 4:18](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=%20Philippians%204%3A18&version=ESV)) and what do these verses tell us about the relationship between him and Paul? Why did Paul want to send Epaphroditus to them?(25a, 26)
2. What happened to Epaphroditus?(27a) How did God show his mercy, and what can we learn from it?(27b)
3. What did Paul expect from sending Epaphroditus to them? (28) How did Paul tell them to welcome Epaphroditus, and why? (29,30) What do you think Timothy and Epaphroditus had in common? How do you think we can become more like Timothy and Epaphroditus? ([Philippians 2:1-8](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=%20Philippians%202%3A1-8&version=ESV))

[Philippians 4:18](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=%20Philippians%204%3A18&version=ESV)

I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

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**1** So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, **2** complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. **5** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.