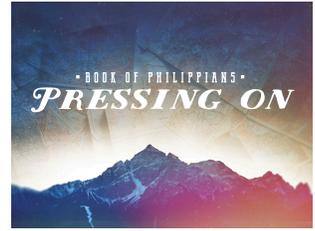


Going Deeper

Pressing On: Partners In Ministry

Philippians 2:12-30 / Sermon Notes



In the first part of Chapter 2, Paul highlights the importance of unity, humility, and servanthood in the church as it relates to the example of Jesus Christ. Building upon Jesus' model of service and sacrifice, Paul reminds the Philippians to be active in their growth as servants by shining forth the light of Jesus in a dark and lost world. Paul explains the importance of living a sincere and genuine life before others by commending the ministry of Timothy and Epaphroditus.

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Name one person who is a godly example for you to follow and how can you show them appreciation?

STUDY

1. _____ your own walk with the Lord.

- Work out your own: We are responsible to put forth *real effort* to see *real evidence* of Christ in our lives.
- Fear & trembling: "Serious reverence, attention, diligence, & dedication to finish, carry on, or apply."
- To will & do: God gives you the *desire & ability* to accomplish His unique will in your life.

"So then each of us shall give account of himself to God - Romans 14:12

"Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." - Psalm 37:4

2. _____ the life of Christ to a dark world.

- Blameless, harmless, without fault: "Free from fault or defect, unmixed, pure, innocent".
- Shine as lights: Standing out from the world is the best way to shine for Jesus. How brightly do you shine?

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light." - Ephesians 5:8

3. _____ yourselves in service towards others.

- Poured out: "A sacrificial offering, a selfless life, a vessel that is totally emptied and used up."
- I am glad and rejoice: Serving others brings *God glory* and us *great joy*.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." - Luke 6:38

4. _____ for leaders who are fully committed to the work of Christ.

- Timothy: A *sincere heart* to care for others is a *rare quality* in most people.
- Epaphroditus: Willing to *put everything on the line*, at the expense of his own life, *for the sake of others*.
- Leaders: Sincerely care for others, have a proven track record of service, are people of action, & display courage.

"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." - Hebrews 13:7