

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

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"A Priceless Pair"

Philippians 2:19-30

There are three underlying reasons for Paul to send Timothy to the Philippians.

Paul had a great affection for the Philippian church.

Paul was aware that the unity of the church was being threatened from within.

Paul was aware that the church was suffering opposition.

"In the Lord Jesus" is not simply a pious phrase, it represents Paul's philosophy of life. Paul wanted every aspect of his life submitted to the person, purpose, and plan of Christ.

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The Philippian church would have known Timothy well. But they may not have known how close Paul and Timothy had become.

The stated reason for sending Timothy to the Philippian church was that he might be encouraged by their condition (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

What are the features that Paul includes in his profile of Timothy?

Timothy was similar to Paul.

The word "kindred spirit" (ISOPSUCHOS) literally means "equal souled" or "equal minded."

Paul, being unable to find anyone in the Roman church who was able to represent him in Philippi, is a great reminder to us of the obstacles that we face in discipleship.

Timothy was sympathetic.

The word "concerned" (MERIMNAO) signifies to be anxious about, to have a distracting care.

Timothy, like Paul, had the disposition of a true shepherd (John 10:11-13).