

“Possessing True JOY”

Philippians: A Book Study

“Mentoring”

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O _____ STYLE

P _____ STYLE

Text: Philippians 2:19-30

The goal of mentoring is reproduction; when a person is fully disciplined, Jesus said, he will be like his teacher (Matthew 10:25). Paul, Timothy and Epaphroditus were three very different individuals. All three provide for us lives worth imitating.

1. **TIMOTHY** – v.19-24 *“¹⁹I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹They all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²²But you know Timothy’s proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.”*
What do we pick up here? A number of qualities.

HE HAD A _____ – v.19-21

SPOT CHECK – Call it what you want but...

HE HAD A _____ – v.22

SPOT CHECK – Are you currently.....??

Three types:

I _____ STYLE

HE HAD A _____ – v.23

2. **EPAPHRODITUS** – v.25-30 *²⁵I 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, ²⁶for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.*

Paul couldn’t say enough about this man.

HE WAS A _____ CHRIST-FOLLOWER – v.25

HE WAS A _____ CHRIST-FOLLOWER –
v.26-27, 30

HE WAS A _____ CHRIST-FOLLOWER –
v.28-30