

Lesson Notes: Philippians 2:19-30 (NIV based)

READ: Philippians 2:19-30, with vv.17-18 for context

v.20

How many people in ministry do we know have a "genuine interest in [our] welfare", like Timothy and Epaphroditus?

v.21

Conversely, how many people in ministry do we know who "look out for their own interests"?

v.22

How do people "prove" themselves to have a genuine interest in our welfare? And how important is this?

v.25

Do churches today ever send a ministry worker to go to a distant place and help a fellow ministry leader who is in need? What kind of logistics would be involved in providing assistance in this form and manner?

v.28

Why would Paul's "anxiety" be lessened if he sent Epaphroditus back to the Philippian saints?

v.29

What can each of us do to be supportive in a tangible way of someone in ministry who has a genuine interest in our welfare?

- - "welcome [them] in the Lord with great joy";
- - "honor" them.

From this passage, does it appear that Paul's ministry work was glorious, happy, easy, and trouble-free?

Is Paul's ministry experience, as described here, common or uncommon today?

From this passage, why is it important for communication and interaction to be occurring between missionary ministers and their supporters?

MAIN POINT: What would you say is the main point in these verses?

IMPORTANT SUB-POINTS: What are some other important points God is making here in these verses?

APPLICATIONS: What applications can you think of for how we should respond to the concepts in these verses?

PERSONALIZED APPLICATIONS: From these verses, what do you think God wants you to learn, or know, or remember, or put into effect in your life? How are you going to do that?

Do you directly support a missionary minister? With finances? With logistics? With personnel? With prayers? With communications?

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