

Philippians 2:19-24

Introduction: Timothy is Paul's first example of a Christlike mindset

- 1) What is Paul's plan?—2:19 ¹⁹ *Now I hope [elpizo] in the Lord Jesus to send [pempo] Timothy to you^{pl} soon, (but cf. 2:25)*
 - a) Why does Paul want to send him? *so that I (emphatic) too may be encouraged [eupsuchoe],*
 - b) What would bring encouragement to Paul? *having learned about you^{pl}.*

- 2) Why would Paul send Timothy and not someone else?—2:20
 - a) Paul's personal knowledge of Timothy—2:20-21 ²⁰ *For I have no one else like-minded/like-souledness [isopsuchos] (cf. Ps. 55:13 [54:14 LXX]) who will genuinely/legitimately be concerned about you^{pl},*
 - i) Why? ²¹ *for all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.*
 - ii) Paul and Timothy were on the same page. Timothy would view things as Paul himself would if he were there personally. Timothy would not do anything to undermine Paul's ministry.
 - b) The Philippians' personal knowledge of Timothy—2:22 ²² *But you^{pl} know his provenness/approvedness [dokime] (cf. Acts 16:1-40) that, like a child with his father, he served as a bonds slave [douleuo] with me in [eis] (with reference to) the gospel.*
 - i) For some unknown reason, Timothy and Luke were not imprisoned in Philippi along with Paul and Silas.
 - ii) Timothy did not serve Paul; he served Christ with Paul. Big difference.

- 3) Paul restates his plans—2:23-24 ²³ *Therefore,*
 - a) Paul will possibly send Timothy—*on the one hand [men], I hope [elpizo] to send [pempo] him (lit. "this one") at once, (cf. 2:19)*
 - i) *as soon as I determine [aphorao] (cf. Jonah 4:5) how it will go with me,*
 - (1) From a human perspective Paul was subject to the whims of Nero.
 - b) Paul himself will probably visit—²⁴ *but on the other hand [de], I am persuaded/convinced [peitho] in the Lord that I myself will also come soon.*
 - i) Cf. 2:17-18 and being poured out as a drink offering