

**September 17, 2017**  
**What Are You Willing To Sacrifice?**  
**Philippians 2:19-30**

**Your Own Interests? (19-22)**

●The apostle Paul needed someone to check up on the spiritual condition of the Philippian church.

1. Timothy was not his f\_\_\_\_\_ choice
  - a. Timothy was y\_\_\_\_\_ (see 1 Tim 4:12)
  - b. No one else had a real i\_\_\_\_\_ in the Philippians (v. 20)
2. Timothy was his o\_\_\_\_\_ choice (vv. 21,22)
  - a. Everyone else was thinking about their own \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Timothy had p\_\_\_\_\_ his spiritual character

●Application

1. Write down the most favorite thing you love to do? (e.g. hunt, play a game, a hobby)  
\_\_\_\_\_ - does your life demonstrate that this is less important than the things of Christ?  
Explain.
2. Are you willing to sacrifice your time for the things of Christ? – people going through c\_\_\_\_\_.

**Your Own Health? (23-30)**

●Paul wanted to wait for the outcome of his t\_\_\_\_\_ before sending Timothy. So he sent this letter with Epaphroditus.

1. Epaphroditus is described as their m\_\_\_\_\_ (the Greek word Paul used was “apostle” which means one sent out – the Philippians had sent Epaphroditus to minister to Paul’s needs)
2. While serving, Epaphroditus contracted an illness and almost d\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 26,27).
3. Epaphroditus was willing to risk his l\_\_\_\_\_ for the cause of Christ (v. 30).

●Application

1. Would you be willing to risk your physical health for the cause of Christ? (2<sup>nd</sup> hand smoke; contaminated areas; contagious diseases)
2. Would you be willing to risk your emotional health for the cause of Christ? (funerals, nursing homes, jails, hospitals) – Rom 12:10-12
3. Jesus never said that ministry would be safe. On the contrary, ministry in Christ’s name is risky and necessary.

**Conclusion:**

●How would you rate yourself? Circle your answer. *I have sacrificed*

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| a. Nothing      | c. A moderate amount |
| b. A little bit | d. A lot             |

●Have you sacrificed enough? Yes or No