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Philippians

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Intro: Still referring back to 2:5-9

VIII. Other Examples of Spiritual Servants

A. Paul - vs 17-18

1. Even if - 1st class Conditional Phrase = something that is known to be true.
2. I am being poured out as a drink offering Ro 15:16; 2Ti 4:6
 - a. **Spendo** - to pour out as a libation, i.e. (figuratively) to devote (one's life or blood, as a sacrifice) ("spend"):(--(be ready to) be offered.
 - b. Not speaking of future martyrdom, but present circumstances. He saw his life, not his death, as a sacrifice - Ro 12:1; Phil 1:24-25
3. on the sacrifice and service of your faith,
 - a. **Thusia** - sacrifice (the act or the victim): sacrifice.
 - b. **Leitourgia** - public function (as priest ("liturgy") or almsgiver): service, ministrations(-try), .
4. I am glad and rejoice with you all. - 2Co 7:4; Col 1:24;
 - a. **Chairo** - to be "cheer"ful, i.e. calmly happy or well-off; impersonally, especially as salutation (on meeting or parting), be well:(--farewell, be glad, God speed, greeting, hall, joy(- fully), rejoice.
 - b. **Sugchairo** - to sympathize in gladness, congratulate:(--rejoice in (with).
5. For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me. - **Chairo** - **Sugchairo**

B. Timothy - vs 19-24

1. But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, - Ro 16:21; 1Th 3:2
2. Why Timothy?
 - a. The Purpose - that I also may be **encouraged** when I know your state. - **Eupsuchoe** - to be in good spirits, i.e. feel encouraged:(--be of good comfort. .
 - b. The Person - Virtues of Timothy
 - i. 1st - Kindred Spirit - For I have no one like-minded, - **Isopsuchos** - of similar spirit:(--likeminded

ii. 2nd - who will sincerely **care** for your state - Ps 55:13 - **Merimnao** - to be anxious about:--(be, have) care(-ful), take thought.

iii. 3rd - For all **seek** their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. - **Zeteo** - to seek, to worship, could be rendered, continually seeks after - 1Co 10:24,33; 13:5; 2Ti 4:10,16

iv. 4th - But you know his **proven** character, - **Dokime** - test, trustiness, experience(-riment), proof, trial.

v. 5th - he **served** with me - **Douleuo** - to be a slave to, be in bondage, (do) serve(-ice).

vi. 6th - in the **gospel** - **euaggelion** - a good message, the gospel - Ro 1:14-16; 1 Co 2:2; 4:9-13; 2 Co 4:5,8-10; 5:18,20

vii. 7th - He was available - Therefore I hope to send him **at once**, as soon as I see how it goes with me.

3. But I **trust** in the Lord that I myself **shall also come** shortly. Php 1:25; Phm 1:22

a. **Peitho** - to convince, to assent, to rely, agree, assure, believe, have confidence, obey, persuade, trust, yield.

b. **Erchomai** - to come or go, accompany, appear, bring, come, enter, fall out, go, grow, pass, resort, be set.

C. Epaphroditis

1. Name means belonging to or devoted to

2. Abbreviated to Epaphras - Col 1:7; 4:12

3. His Character

a. Honorable - chosen by the church to carry the gift to Paul, Phil 2:25; 4:18

b. Courageous - to visit and associate with Paul

4. His Titles

a. Shows relationship with Paul

i. My brother, - Spiritual Family, Child of God - vs 27

ii. **My** fellow worker, - **Sunergos** - a co-laborer, companion in labor, (fellow-)helper(-laborer, -worker), laborer together with, workfellow

iii. **My** fellow soldier, - **Sustratiotes** - a co-campaigner, an associate in Christian toil:--fellow-soldier.

b. Shows relationship with the church

i. but your **messenger - apostolos** - used here to describe a specially, sent messenger,

ii. who **ministered** to my need; - **leitourgos** - Paul used to describe himself as a minister of Christ

D. Paul's reasons for sending Epaphroditis – vs 26-30

1. since he was longing for you all, - **Epipotheo** - to dote upon, intensely crave possession, desire (greatly), (greatly) long (after), lust.

2. and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

a. **Ademoneo** - to be in distress (of mind):--be full of heaviness,

b. **Astheneo** - to be feeble, be diseased, (be) sick, lit without strength.

3. Their concern had good reason

a. For indeed he was sick almost unto death;

b. but God had mercy on him,

i. and not only on him, but on me also,

ii. lest I should have sorrow upon **sorrow**. - **Lupe** - sadness:--grief, grievous, + grudgingly, heaviness, sorrow.

4. His Return - Therefore I sent him the more eagerly,

a. that when you see him again you may rejoice,

b. and I may be less sorrowful. - **Alupoteros** - more without grief:--less sorrowful.

c. **Receive** him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in **esteem** - 1Co 16:18; 1Th 5:12; 1Ti 5:17

i. **Prosdechomai** - favorable and glad acceptance

ii. **Entimos** - dear, more honorable, precious, in reputation.

5. His Risk - he came close to death, not regarding his life,

a. to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.- 1Co 16:17; Php 4:10

b. **Parabouleuomai** - to throw aside, disregard:--not (to) regard(-ing).

c. **Anapleroo** - to complete; to occupy, supply; to accomplish, fill up, fulfill

d. **Husterema** - a deficit; poverty:--that which is behind, (that which was) lack(-ing), want.