

Philippians 2:3-4 (NLT)

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Philippians 2:5-6 (NLT)

⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

Philippians 2:7-8 (NLT)

⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Models FOR Ministry

Philippians 2:19-30

1:15 ...some preach Christ out of **ENVY** and
RIVALRY...

1:17 ...preach Christ out of **selfish ambition**...
...supposing that they can stir up trouble for me
while I am in chains.

²⁰ I have **NO ONE else like him**, who takes a **GENUINE interest in your WELFARE.**

Timothy's great value was that he was **always willing to GO anywhere**; and in his hands **the message was as safe** as if Paul had delivered it himself. Barclay

Matthew 9:36 (NIV)

...He had **compassion** on them, because they
were **Harassed** and **Helpless**, like
sheep without a Shepherd.

...**WEARY** and **WORN** out, like sheep without
a Shepherd. (HCS)

2 Timothy 4:10 (ESV)

Demas in love **with this present** world
has deserted me...

²⁰ I have **NO ONE** else like him, who takes a **GENUINE** interest in Your welfare.

OBSERVATIONS MacDonald

- Sickness is Not **ALWAYS** a result of sin
- It is Not Always God's Will to heal **INSTANTLY** or Miraculously
- Healing is an act of **MERCY** from God

²⁵ But I think it is **necessary to send back to you**
Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow
soldier, who is also your **messenger**, whom you
sent to take care of my needs.

Epaphroditus...

- had a **SERVANTS** heart
- was a man of **INTEGRITY**
- was willing to go through **HARDSHIP**
- he **RISKED** his own **LIFE**

²⁹ Welcome him in the Lord with great joy,
and **HONOR** men like him, ³⁰ **because**
he almost died for the work of Christ...

John 16:33 (NIV)

I have told you these things, so **that IN ME**
you may have peace. In this world you **will**
have trouble. But take heart!
I have overcome the world.

Philippians 2:4-5 (NIV)

Each of you should look **not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.**

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

25 But I think it is **necessary to send back** to you
Epaphroditus...

26 **For he longs for all of you** and is distressed
because you heard he was ill

28 ...**I am all the more eager to send him**, so that
when you see him again you may be glad