

Mini Series “Growing In Christ”
Just Don't Go Through The Motions Part 4
Philippians 2:19-24

Introduction:

Modeling – is the living out of the precepts and principles God has given us in His word. A precept tells us our duty. Modeling is the example that assures us the duty is possible.

I. According to the Will of God v.19a

- a. Paul’s plans were all contingent on the Lord’s Will. Jas 4:15

II. Reason for Sending Timothy v.19b

- a. He wanted to know how the Philippians Church was doing
- b. He expected a positive report
- c. True (Agape) love always believes the best 1 Cor 13:4-7

--- The 7 Model Characteristics of Timothy: ---

III. Timothy was a Kindred Spirit v.20a

- a. Kindred Spirit means to be equal souled
- b. Timothy was Paul’s carbon copy
1 Cor 4:16-17
- c. This is the goal of discipleship Matt 10:25a

IV. Timothy Cared for the Body of Christ v.20b

- a. Paul was not sending out a cold hearted or indifferent person to check on them
- b. Timothy had the same heart for them as Paul
2 Cor 11:28 / 2 Cor 1:1

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V. Timothy was Single Minded v.21

- a. All the other believers around Paul was continually pursuing their own interest
- b. Only Timothy cared about the interest of Christ Jesus.

VI. Timothy was Seasoned v.22a

- a. Timothy was a tested vessel
- b. Not testing by schooling but by service
- c. He was qualified to come to them 1 Tim 3:6

VII. Timothy was Submissive v.22b

- a. Timothy was a servant
- b. He served with Paul 2 Tim 2:3

VIII. Timothy gave Sacrificial Service v.22c

- a. Timothy lived a life of sacrificial service
- b. His service to the Lord landed him in prison like Paul Heb 13:23
- c. Paul's sacrificial character impacted Timothy's life

IX. Timothy was Useful v.23

- a. Timothy was useful and serviceable
- b. He was a preacher, teacher, servant, messenger,
- c. Paul still needed him v.23b

X. Trust in the Lord at all Times v.24

- a. Paul trusted in Lord's plans for his life
- b. Paul didn't minimize the value he could be to the church at Philippi.
- c. But was willing to accept whatever the Lord's Will would be.