

# rejoice [ my choice. ]

**PART  
7**

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## **REAL LIFE EXAMPLES TO FOLLOW**

TIMOTHY & EPAPHRODITUS

*Philippians 2:19-30*

### **WHAT IT MEANS TO REJOICE:**

*To dwell on **God's grace**  
and let it **define** my life  
—**reveling** in it—  
because it **supersedes** any and every other thing!*

### **TWO EXAMPLES TO FOLLOW**

*After verses of principles and instruction, Paul gives us a couple real life examples to follow in fleshing these things out in our own lives.*

Example #1: **TIMOTHY**

*Why send Timothy?*

## *Why Timothy?*

1. He was **LIKE-MINDED** with Paul. (v. 20)
2. He genuinely **CARED** for the people. (v. 20)
3. He was focused on **JESUS**. (v. 21)
4. He had **PROVEN** himself. (v. 22)
5. He **GAVE** of himself. (v. 22)
6. He was **USEFUL**. (v. 23-24)

## Example #2: **EPAPHRODITUS**

### *Why send Epaphroditus?*

#### *Why Epaphroditus?*

1. He was Paul's **FRIEND**. (v. 25)
2. He was Paul's **COWORKER**. (v. 25)
3. He was Paul's **COMRADE**. (v. 25)
4. He was the Philippians' **MESSENGER**. (v. 25)
5. He was the Philippians' **MINISTER**. (v. 25)

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How is my **EXAMPLE**?

# HOMework



Open Your Group in Prayer. *Use the Prayer Guide on the next page for Suggestions.*

1. Who are some of the people in your life that you have modeled yourself after? Who do you imitate and emulate? Why? – Or similarly, who have some of your mentors been? How have they shaped you?
2. Who is someone you would desire to be more like? Why?
3. **Read Philippians 2:19-24.**
4. **Read Acts 16:1-3; 1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2-5; and 1 Corinthians 4:17.** Describe Paul's relationship with Timothy.
5. What character qualities do you see in Timothy?
6. **Read Philippians 2:25-30.**
7. What character qualities do you see in Epaphroditus? Why is he worthy of honor?
8. **Go back and read Philippians 2:1-8.** How did Timothy and Epaphroditus live out these verses?
9. **Read Philippians 2:21.** Why does Paul have this concern about other believers? What happens when a church is full of these types of believers rather than ones like Timothy and Epaphroditus?
10. Read v. 29. What type of people should the church honor? How does this differ from the type of people the world honors?
11. Based on Epaphroditus's example, who comes to mind for you that should be honored in this way? How have you honored them? How could you honor them?
12. How did Paul pour into these two guys?
13. Who are you pouring your life into? — Here's a question for discussion: *If you're not influencing and discipling someone, are you truly a disciple of Jesus?*
14. Who could you be an example to?

