

Philippians # 32

“Timothy has proved himself”

Philippians 2:19-24

2nd Corinthians 12:7-10

“The Scripture emphasizes that much can come from little if the little is truly consecrated to God. There are no little people and no big people in the true spiritual sense, but only consecrated and unconsecrated people.”

Francis Shaeffer

It doesn't matter how UNLOVELY you may be to the world, or how UNDESIRABLE you seem to other people; as far as God is concerned, you ARE His beloved dear friends.

As believers in Christ, we are in union with the Son of God in such a way that His life becomes our life.

As believers in Jesus Christ, we need to be in condition to successfully play on the Team; if we're going to carry the ball, if we're going to move the ball toward the goal line, if we're going to accomplish the purpose for which the Divine Quarterback is calling the signals; we MUST use God's equipment: the power of the Holy Spirit and knowledge of His Word.

No matter where you are or what your ministry, God has placed you there and He uses prepared people; your ministry is just as important as anyone else's.

God is not the least bit concerned with what people think of you; He's interested in whether or not you were faithful in the ministry He gave to you!

Paul is going to make a major personnel change in transferring Timothy from Rome to Philippi.

There are more pressures, ambushes, problems of good and evil, distractions and counter-attacks from rebellious believers at this stage of spiritual growth; so Paul feels that it's expedient without delay to dispatch Timothy to Philippi.

The people that can most upset us are the people that we really love.

Paul produces this action, as he has tranquility of soul because he's taking the proper steps to make a personnel adjustment for the benefit of the Philippians.

Paul implies that Timothy has advanced as far as he has at this time in greater-grace and they have a comradery of maturity, an equality of spiritual growth.

The church at Rome was made up of believers who were negative toward biblical truth under the influence of evil.

This is where many of the hang-ups and syndromes of life occur simply because people are concentrating on their own pleasure, their own happiness and their own satisfaction to the exclusion of everything else.

When the believer seeks the interests of Jesus Christ, he continues to take in the Word until saturation and inculcation result in the maturity which serves the best interests of the Lord.

Only in time does God have the opportunity to give us pressure, disaster and undeserved suffering to prove to Satan and the fallen angels that the Word of God can handle any situation.

Human good and evil are not only Satan's policy as the ruler of this world but his greatest weapon against the believer in the angelic dispute.

Timothy never got away from what Paul taught; he was an extremely disciplined person.

Every pastor is a slave of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul is confident in the Lord because he's occupied with Him and therefore possesses assurance and contentment.

Paul has the living grace support of the Living Word and of the written Word; therefore he has maximum confidence.

Paul would soon be released from prison and will be free to make a 4th missionary journey but he will also make an inspection tour throughout all of the churches and he will come face to face with his beloved Philippians.