

Who Cares?

The Encouragement Available in the Family of God

- I. The Proper Perspective: What are you FOCUSING on? (Chapter 1)
- II. The Proper Philosophy: Who are you THINKING about (Chapter 2)
 - Paul's Future Plans: Sending spiritual examples for encouragement (2:19-24)

Review: Why did the Apostle Paul write the book of Philippians?

A. Paul's Plan: Sending Timothy (2:19-23)

1. Paul is communicating his plans for their _____ benefit (encouragement) (19-20)
 - Why did the Philippians need encouragement?
2. Paul's Plans are contingent on the _____ of God
 - Three times in this section Paul say I Hope/trust in the Lord

*Principle to remember: We can plan the way, but the Lord directs the path (Prov. 16:9)

3. Paul's plan is to send Timothy because of his proven _____ (20-22)
 - Timothy was like minded with Paul and a proven servant of the Lord.

*Spiritual character is developed over time, remember the 5-T's of spiritual growth.

4. Paul's purpose for sending Timothy is to sincerely _____ for their sake
 - Godly spiritual leaders are God's plan for us today (Eph. 4:11-16)

*Principle to remember: While you may find many influencers, seek to follow those who will sincerely care for your soul (Heb. 17:17)

*Principle to remember: All of us have influence, seek to have the mind of Christ and seek others

B. Paul's Primary Plan: He wanted to go himself (2:24)

- Paul is _____ that the Lord would allow him to personally visit them soon.

C. Paul's Exhortation: Receive and Esteem (2:23, 29)

- Paul is writing a letter of recommendation so they would _____ & _____ Timothy