

## TWO MEN OF GOD

Phil. 2:19-30.

- Intro: Paul returns to the personal manner he departed from in 1:27.

Note in 1:25, 26 he is talking about a trip to Philippi. In our text tonight he is sending Epaphroditus back & plans to send Timothy later.

These are the two men of God:

- 1) Timothy - about whom we know a great deal.
- 2) Epaphroditus - about whom we know practically nothing. All we have about him is here and in 4:18.

- We know that Timothy was closely associated with Paul. Epaphroditus was not.

Both are servants of the Lord. Certain principles stand out as we consider these verses.

### I. Timothy (Phil. 2:19-23).

A. Paul's concern for the Philippians (2:19).

B. Paul's commendation for Timothy (2:20-22).

C. Paul's consideration for all ~~concerned~~ (2:23).

II. Epaphroditus (Phil. 2:24-30).

A. An explanation (2:24).

B. Paul's commendation of Epaphroditus (2:25-27)

1. His titles (2:25).

2. His love (2:26).

3. His work (2:27).

C. Paul's exhortation regarding Epaphroditus (2:28-30).

1. Why he is being sent (2:28).

2. What they are to do (2:29).

3. ~~What~~ <sup>Why</sup> he is to be honored (2:30).

Conclusion: What are the outstanding features?

1) The great concern the early believers had for each other.

2) The characteristics which qualified men to serve the Lord.

3) The prominence given to the Lord: cf. vv. 19, 21, 24, 27, 29, 30 (?).

4) The urgency of service.

5) The extent to which they would go in their service.