



A Servant's Honor

Philippians 2:19-24

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☀ Timothy

- A. Young Timothy was perhaps Paul's closest friend and companion.
- B. Timothy's name appears in Paul's writings more than anyone else.
- C. He was a native of Lystra (part of modern Turkey).
- D. His mother was Jewish (religious), and his father was Greek (pagan).
- E. Paul led him to Christ during his first missionary journey.
- F. Timothy's mother and grandmother were believers.
- G. He was trained in both Greek and Hebrew.
- H. Paul had him circumcised to better appeal to the Jews.
- I. Timothy was Paul's troubleshooter and messenger to the churches.
- J. At this point, Paul and Timothy had been together for 10 years.
- K. Despite divine calling and spiritual gifts, Timothy had human frailties:
 - 1. Lacked confidence as a youth (1 Tim. 4:12).
 - 2. He was tempted with human passions (1 Tim. 2:21-22).
 - 3. He experienced low points in his personal life (2 Tim. 2:14; 4:2, 5).

A servant's heart is not the product of an hour's sermon, or a week's seminar, or even a year's service. The servant's heart grows in us, like Timothy, when we yield to the Lord's calling and seek to serve others for a lifetime.

- Warren W. Wiersbe

☀ Message Section

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To receive a Servant's Honor...

1. We must cultivate a servant's _____.

Philippians 2:19-21, NLT -¹⁹ *If the Lord Jesus is willing, I hope to send Timothy to you soon for a visit. Then he can cheer me up by telling me how you are getting along.* ²⁰ *I have no one else like Timothy, who genuinely cares about your welfare.* ²¹ *All the others care only for themselves and not for what matters to Jesus.*

A servant's heart is centered on the things of Jesus Christ.

A servant's heart puts others ahead of himself for the sake of Jesus.

2. We must endure a servant's _____.

Philippians 2:22-24, NASB95 -²² *But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father.* ²³ *Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I see how things go with me;* ²⁴ *and I trust in the Lord that I myself also will be coming shortly.*

A servant is willing to be sent anywhere.

A servant is willing to serve anyone.

A servant is willing to sacrifice anything.

3. Then, we will receive a servant's _____.

1 Samuel 2:30, NLT -³⁰ *Therefore, the LORD, the God of Israel, says....I will honor those who honor me....*

2 Timothy 4:8, NLT -⁸ *And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return.*

☀ Life Application Section

If we cultivate a servant's heart and endure a servant's hardships, we will receive a servant's honor.

Philippians 2:3-4, NASB -³ *Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;* ⁴ *do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.*

A. There are too many believers that are not workers.

B. We need workers who would seek a servant's honor.

Answers: 1. Heart, 2. Hardships, 3. Honor.