

Rejoice in the Lord Always!

(a study in Philippians)

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“JOY in Sacrifice” Philippians 2:19-30

William Wallace (Braveheart) “Every man dies, not every man really lives.” Everyone tends to live life on one of three levels: Survival (just make it), Success (make it big) or Satisfaction and Sacrifice (John 10:10).

Deep soul satisfaction can only be found in Christ which will lead to a life of Sacrifice. Sacrifice is giving up something that you love for something that you love more. Paul uses two men as examples of the kind of people who have been transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and are living lives of satisfaction and sacrifice.

[Timothy] "For I have no one like him" v20

[Epaphroditus] "So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men." v29

THE KIND OF PEOPLE THE GOSPEL PRODUCES:

Full Devotion to Christ and Fullness of Life in Christ are one in the same pursuit (John 10:10). We become what we are committed to.

- **Genuine** – Commitment to Christ and to a Church family. (Fellowship) [Timothy] Acts 16. [Epaphroditus] – v25. John 3:16; Rom3:23, 1:25; 6:23, 5:8, 10:9-10; Acts 2:41-47
- **Growing** – Commitment to spiritual disciplines. (Discipleship) [Timothy] vv20, 22 (1 & 2 Tim). [Epaphroditus] vv26-28. 2Pet3:18; 1Tim4:7-8; Heb3:12-13
- **Giving** – Commitment to using my time, talents, and treasure to build the church. (Ministry) [Timothy] – vv19-20, 23-24. [Epaphroditus] – v25. Matt16:13-19; 1Pet4:10; 1Cor12/Rom12/Eph4/1Pet4; 2Cor8:9, 9:8

- **Going** – Commitment to sharing Jesus Christ to the world around. (Evangelism) [Timothy] – v22c (Acts 16). [Epaphroditus] – vv25, 30. Great Commission: Matt/Mark/Luke/John/Acts; Matt28:19-20; Acts 4:13, 20; Rom1:16
- **Glorifying** – Commitment to living my life for the Glory of God. (Worship) [Timothy] – v21. [Epaphroditus] – v30a. 1Cor10:31; Ps16:4, 8, 11

Growing Notes

- 1) “Every man dies, not every man really lives.” What are your thoughts on this quote from the movie Braveheart? Everyone tends to live life on one of three levels: Survival (just make it), Success (make it big) or Satisfaction and Sacrifice (John 10:10). Where do most live?
- 2) Read Philippians 2:19-30. Paul uses two men as examples of the kind of people who have been transformed by the Gospel living satisfying and sacrificing lives. What does Paul say about Timothy in v20? Epaphroditus in v29? How does full devotion to Jesus Christ (5G’s) take you from futility to fullness of life (John 10:10)?
- 3) A Genuine Christian is committed to what? What is commitment to Christ (John 3:16-17; John 1:12)? What would you say to a person who says they are a Christian but don’t need to be a part of a church? What characterizes the early believers of the 1st Century church (Acts 2:41-47)?
- 4) Why is Growing a sign of being a Genuine Christian? What does it mean to be committed to spiritual disciplines? How committed are you? Why is Giving a sign of being a Genuine & Growing Christian? What’s the impact on the local church family like DB when everyone serves (Eph4:11-16)?
- 5) What are the specifics of the great commission (Matt28:19-20)? What does it mean to live your life for God’s glory? Look over the 5Gs of full devotion to Jesus Christ. Which one(s) are strengths? Growth areas? Next steps? Pray DB would be full of 5G Christians!

