

Paul's Plans
Lesson 12
Philippians 2:19 - 3:11

Plans For Timothy

1. What was Paul's plan for Timothy? (Philippians 2:19a)
 - What was his reason? (Philippians 2:19b)
2. What did Paul say to the Philippians about Timothy? (Philippians 2:20)
3. What was Paul thinking when he made that statement? (Philippians 2:21)
4. Describe the relationship between Paul and Timothy. (Philippians 2:22)
5. What were Paul's plans for the near future? (Philippians 2:23, 24)

Epaphroditus - Philippians 2:25-30

6. Using Philippians 2:25:
 - Where was Epaphroditus from?
 - How did Paul describe him?
 - Why was he in Rome with Paul?
7. Paul indicated that Epaphroditus longed for the Philippians. Why was he so distressed? (Philippians 2:26-27a)

8. Paul said "*but God had mercy.*" What did Paul mean by that statement? (Philippians 2:27b)
9. What was Paul's plan for Epaphroditus? (Philippians 2:28)
10. What were his instructions to the church? (Philippians 2:29)
 - Why? (Philippians 2:30)

Paul's Testimony - Philippians 3:1-6

11. Before closing this letter, what did Paul want to emphasize once again? (Philippians 3:1)
12. Paul warned them to "*watch out for those dogs.*" How would the Philippians know those dogs? (Philippians 3:2)
13. Who did Paul say was the true circumcision? (Philippians 3:3)
14. Paul said that if the flesh, ritual or ancestry was one's source of confidence, then he had reason to boast more than most. Make a list of things that Paul could boast about from his background. (Philippians 3:4-6)

True Righteousness - Philippians 3:7-11

15. If all those things were important for status, position and importance in Jewish society - - what surprising attitude did Paul have?
 - Philippians 3:7

- Philippians 3:8

16. For the Jews, righteousness is thought to come through obedience of God's Law. What did Paul say about true righteousness? (Philippians 3:9)

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17. Using Philippians 3:10-11:

- Who did Paul want to know?

- What did he want to know?

- How did Paul anticipate that would happen?

- What did Paul anticipate as the final reality in his life?

18. **Reflect:**

Based on today's verses, what do you think was most important in Paul's life?

What was Paul confident would take place after his death?

If Paul were here today, what would you tell him about where your confidence is placed? Would you say that it is in the Lord and the future hope He gives or is it in your own strength and abilities? Think about it!