



## Sermon Questions July 18, 2021

### LIVING IN THE JOY OF GOD - "HONOR SUCH MEN" PHILIPPIANS 2: 19-30

1. How does this passage (2:19-30) relate to the rest of Chapter 2, and flow out of the previous paragraph?
2. Paul's travel plans expressed in 2:19-30 were different from that of the Philippians. How does Paul explain why his plans are different from theirs?
3. Paul states that the Philippians knew of Timothy's "proven worth." How did they come to know Timothy?
4. Paul commends Timothy for three reasons. What are they?
5. How do these three commendations point to the three marks of a godly and valued pastor?  
What relationship did Epaphroditus have to the Philippian church?
6. Paul refers to Epaphroditus as a brother in Christ, a fellow worker, and a fellow soldier. How do these three titles relate to life in the church and to gospel ministry?
7. Why did Paul return Epaphroditus to Philippi as opposed to sending Timothy?
8. Paul's bottom line in this passage is that we honor such men as these. How do we honor our pastors in a proper way?
9. Discuss how Americans treat their leaders (pastors) and compare that to Paul's exhortation in this passage. Then answer this question: Why are so many pastors dropping out of the ministry today? What can we do about that?