

SERMON NOTES

Series: Building Upon the Firm Foundation of God's Word
Title: By Developing Good Bible Study Methods

Text: Philippians 2:19-30

Topic: How to Study the Bible

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"I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. For everyone else looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon. But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me." Philippians 2:19-30

Questions to ask in every good Bible study...

- **Observation: What does it say?**
- **Interpretation: What does it mean?**
- **Correlation: What other verses explain it?**
- **Application: What am I going to do about it?**

Today we will look specific ways to apply these questions to our text.

Keep in mind... *"All Scripture is inspired by God and it is useful to teach us what is true, to make us realize what's wrong in our lives, it straightens us out, and it teaches us how to do what's right."* 2 Timothy 3:16

"For everything in the Bible was written to teach us so that through the endurance and encouragement of Scriptures we might have hope." Romans 15:4

OBSERVATION. WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Paul intends to **send** two men to Philippi.

Paul **endorsed** these guys as **role models**.

Why?

- *"He (Timothy) takes a genuine interest in you."* (20&21)
- *"He (Timothy) has proved himself."* (22)
- *"He's (Epaphroditus) my brother, my fellow worker and my fellow soldier."* (25)
- *"He (Epaphroditus) longs for all of you and he is distressed."* (26)
- *"He (Epaphroditus) almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life."* 27-30

INTERPRETATION. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

This passage gives us five marks of what it means to be a **godly man**.

If you want to be the kind of person God blesses, if you want God's power in your life, **study** this passage.

We observed five things, what do they actually mean?

"There are correct ways to interpret the Bible and there are incorrect ways. When you interpret it correctly you get what God says; when you interpret it incorrectly you become a cult. And you get all kinds of weird and whacky ideas."