

SERMON NOTES

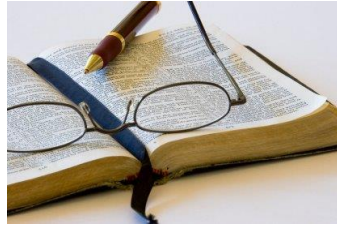
Series: Building Upon the Firm Foundation of God's Word

Title: By Developing Good Study Methods (IV)

Text: Philippians 2:19-30

Topic: How to Study the Bible

Teacher: Pastor Barry Time: 6/19/2022



Review: Observation: What does it say? Interpretation: What does it mean? Godly men are caring, Godly men are consistent.

"I send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and my fellow worker and my fellow soldier." Philippians 2:25

Each of these three metaphors in this verse has something in common: **cooperation.**

3. A GODLY MAN IS **COOPERATIVE.**

Each of the terms, brother, fellow worker and soldier are **relational** and descriptive of the **Christian life.**

We are a family. The phrase brother and sister is used about **133** times in the Bible to refer to Christians.

We are a fellowship; fellow workers. We have the same **task, mission.**

We are an Army; soldiers fighting the same **enemy.**

We need each other. You have strengths that **I need**, I have strengths that **you need.**

Godly men are not **difficult** to get along with. They're **team players.** They know how to **give and take.**

So, a godly man is caring, consistent, cooperative and...

4. A GODLY MAN IS **CONSIDERATE.**

"For he [Epaphroditus] longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill." (26)

Delivering the offering to Paul Epaphroditus nearly dies. When word gets back to the home church, they all were concerned and worried.

What is E's reaction? He is **distressed** by their distress.

Considerate means you are concerned about how other people **feel.**

It can be **rude** to just blurt out whatever comes to your mind without thinking about how it might affect others.

There's a time **to say** things and a time to **not say things**; a mature, considerate person knows the difference.

"Husbands be considerate as you live with your wives." 1 Peter 3:7,

The number one cause of marriage problems is **selfishness**

Men and women are different, because of that, they each have to **work** at being considerate.