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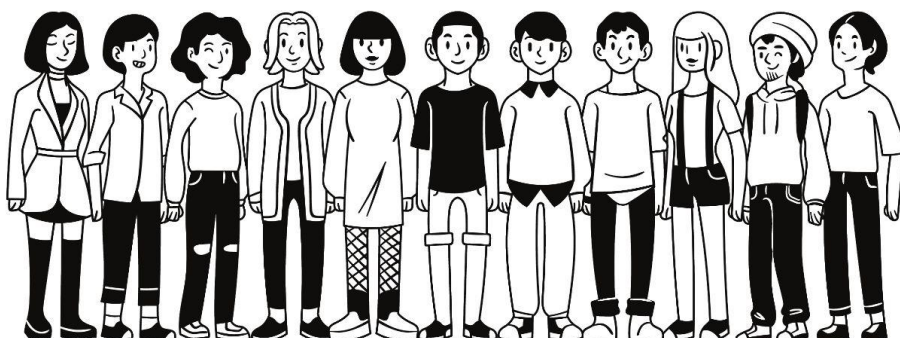
**“BOOK BY BOOK” BIBLE STUDY NOTES**

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# **COMMENDED**

## **A STUDY OF PHILIPPIANS 2:19-30**

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## Epaphroditus Commended (Philippians 2:25-30)

### Philippians 2:25-30

<sup>25</sup> But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. <sup>26</sup> For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, <sup>30</sup> because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.

### Qualities of Epaphroditus

#### [1] My brother

- 1 John 3:1-2  
Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

#### [2] Fellow worker

- 1 Cor 3:9

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

#### [3] Fellow soldier

- 2 Timothy 2:2-25

<sup>2</sup> And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. <sup>3</sup> Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. <sup>5</sup> Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules.

#### [4] Your messenger – Humility

- Mathew 23:11

The greatest among you will be your servant.

#### [5] Ministered to Pauls needs

- 1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

#### [6] He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.

- John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

#### [7] We are to receive our leaders with gladness and esteem them

- 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

<sup>12</sup> And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; <sup>13</sup> And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

- Hebrews 13:7  
Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.