

Timothy Commended (Philippians 2:19-24)

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¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. ²⁰ I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. ²¹ For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² 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. ²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.

Leadership Qualities of Timothy

[1] Firstly, Jesus' states that God's view of leadership in the context of the church is different from what holds in popular culture or the world

- Mathew 20:25-28

²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

[2] Timothy agreed to go where he was sent to encourage God's people

- Luke 10:1-2

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two^{la} others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

[3] Paul stated that Timothy had a certain kind of mindset that we should all have as believers – he would sincerely care for the believers.

- 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

⁷ Instead, we were like young children^{la} among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, ⁸ so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well

[4] He did not have his own agenda but just sought that Christ's will should be fulfilled primarily

- Philippians 1:15-17

¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.

[5] His character was proven. He had godly character.

What is character? ***Character is the way someone thinks, feels and behaves***

- 1 Timothy 3:10

They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.

[6] He submitted to spiritual authority – Paul was his spiritual oversight

- Hebrews 13:17

¹⁷ Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

[7] He serviced in the church to propagate the gospel

- Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,

- Hebrews 6:10

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them