



Pastor Jeff's Daily Devotion  
Day 28  
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Day Twenty-eight

Philippians 2:19-24

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

Paul needed to know how the Philippians were doing. Since he was in prison he was going to send Timothy in his stead to check on them. Through Paul's commendation of Timothy we learn several characteristics of someone who has put their faith and trust in Christ.

The first trait is sincerity. Sincerity is best defined as being who you say you are. Another characteristic is seeking the things which are of Christ. One of the greatest ways that we can tell if we are growing in our faith is that we seek less and less what we want and more and more of what Christ wants. The real test is when you come to the dilemma of what you want versus what Christ wants. The decision you make tells who you are trusting in. Timothy had proven himself by the way he lived and the choices he made. As we look at ourselves could Paul have seen in us that we care more for the things of Christ than our own desires? Is our character proven? Are we usable in His hands?

Oh Lord, grow me to be a person that you can use.