Paul's Letter of Joy

We Must Follow Epaphroditus' Example

Philippians 2:25 - 30

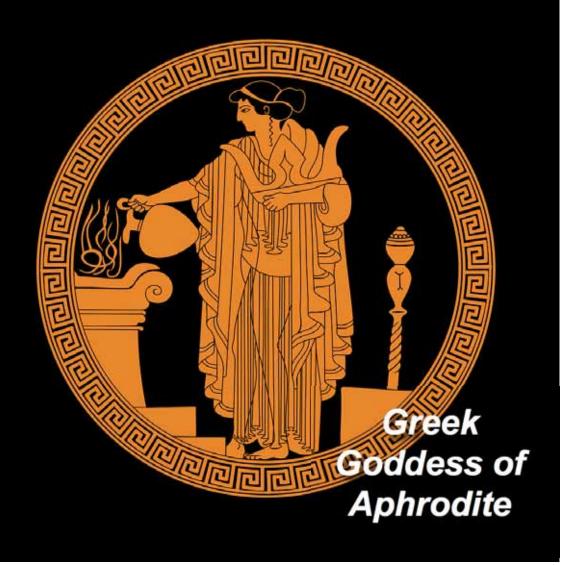
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Baby Names

Epaphroditus

- Common 1st
 century name
- Derived from Aphrodite
- Name means "Favored by Aphrodite"
- Later the name meant "loving"



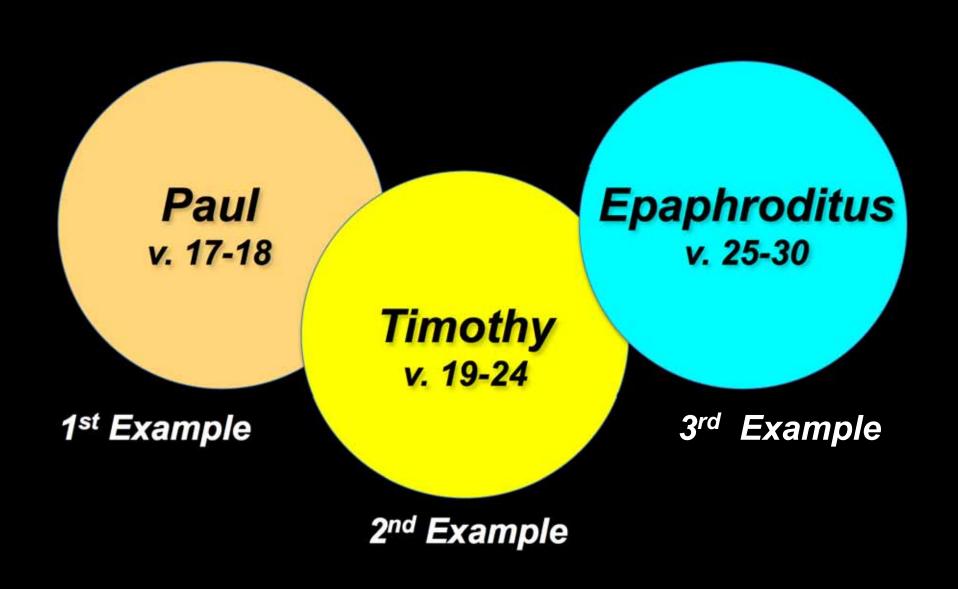
Background To Study

Philippians 2:14 - 18

- v. 17 Philippians were serving sacrificially
- v. 14 And complaining while doing it.
- v. 18 They are urged to rejoice!

Examples of Sacrificial Service

Philippians 2:17 - 30



Compliments About Epaphroditus

Philippians 2:25

Relation to Paul

My brother

Fellow worker

Fellow soldier

Relation to the church

Your messenger

Your minister to my needs

Paul Sent Epaproditus

Philippians 2:25 - 26

I thought it necessary to send . . .

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pempo = "to send"
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Why Epaphroditus Was Sent

Philippians 2:26 - 28

- What do the reasons reveal about Epaproditus' heart?
- What do the reasons reveal about Epaproditus' character?

Paul Urges The Church To Action

Philippians 2:29 - 30

- Why should the church receive Epaphroditus with joy?
- Why should the church honor him highly?

Epaproditus is an example of love, humility and sacrificial service.