

Living Courageously

25-Day Devotional on Philippians

WEEK 3

DAY 13

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from DAY 12 with the Lord)

Read the text: Philippians 2:19-24 (Jot down key or repeated words and phrases)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- What do you observe about Timothy and Paul's relationship?
- How do you think is it possible for two different personalities, two different upbringings and from two different generations to serve together with one mind and one heart?
- How is it possible to be responsible for your own affairs and still effectively look out for the *interests or welfare of others*?

Summarize: Now take a moment to go back and pour over your observations as well as your responses to the questions.

Engage with God: Bring your thoughts, questions, and desire for change to the Lord for his forgiveness, wisdom, correction, guidance, and direction. Here are some more questions to consider:

1. What is the Lord saying to your personally?
2. What do you need to pray about?
3. With whom does the Lord want you to share this devotional?
4. Who has the Lord placed on your heart to pray for and invite to church?

DIGGING DEEPER (Optional)

- Describe what a kindred spirit with other followers of Jesus should look and act like to you. (v. 20a)
- Based on where the Lord has your right now (work, home, school, sports, etc.), what are some ways you can advance the gospel? (v. 20b) (Consider your attitude and actions, not just your words.)
- What is it that should be considered in someone's character being *proven worthy*? (v. 22)
- The phrase, *as a son with his father*, (v. 22), speaks of the importance of mature followers of Jesus mentoring Christians who are young in the faith. What have you learned from others that you can pass on to encourage and build up younger followers of Jesus?
- Timothy's character and actions are a reflection of what the church should look like. How can you play a role in the further growth and development of your church reflecting this kind of character and actions?

- How is the Lord speaking to you as a result of reflecting on this passage today?