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Keys To Bible Study

Observation: What does it say?
I does it say?

- 2. Interpretation: What does it mean?
- 3. Correlation: What other verses explain it?
- 4. Application: What will I do about it?

AYS IN THE WORD

"I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. ...

AYS IN THE WORD

... For everyone else looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. 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. ...



... I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon. But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier, ...

AYS NTHE WORD

... who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. He was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, ...

AYS IN THE WORD

... to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. 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. Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like him, ...



... because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me."



"ALL SCRIPTURE is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right."

Genesis 21:19



"FOR EVERYTHING was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

Romans 15:4 (NIV)



Keys To Bible Study I. Observation: What does it say?



What does it say?

Paul intended to send 2
Men to the church at Philippi



"I hope to send you Timothy"





"I think it is necessary to send Epaphroditus back to you"



What does it mean?

 Paul endorsed them as role models who deserve honor



(Timothy) "I have no one else like him!"



(Epaphroditus) "Welcome him... HONOR men like him."



| What does it mean to be like these men? | |
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| | What are they like? |
| vs. 20-21 | "takes a genuine interest" |
| vs. 22 | "has proved himself" |
| vs. 25 | "my brother, fellow worker, fellow soldier" |
| vs. 26 | "longs for all you and is distressed" |
| vs. 27-30 | "almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life" |



Keys To Bible Study II. Interpretation: What does it mean?



"I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. For everyone else looks out for his own interests..."



"genuinely cares for you ... others only care about themselves"

Philippians 2:21 TEV



"...they are all wrapped up in their own affairs..."

Philippians 2:21 Ph



What does it mean? 1. A Godly man is caring



"Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father, he has served with me in the work of the gospel."



"...you know what kind of person Timothy proved to be."

Philippians 2:22 GW



What does it mean?

2. A Godly man is consistent

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"I send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs."



"...he has worked and fought by my side"

Philippians 2:25 GN



What does it mean?

3. A Godly man is cooperative



"For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill."



What does it mean?

4. A Godly man is considerate



"Husbands be considerate as you live with your wives."





Mission: Go to Gap, Buy a Pair of Pants





"Indeed he was ill, and almost died...he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you couldn't give me."

Philippians 2:27 & 30



What does it mean?

5. A Godly man is courageous



Keys To Bible Study III. Correlation: What other verses explain it?



Song



Keys To Bible Study IV. Application: What will I do about it?



Suggestions for possible application

- 1. Think of ways to honor people this week who model these qualities.
- 2. Ask which of these 5 qualities will I work on this week?