

EVERYONE PHILIPPIANS 2:19-24

BACKGROUND: Paul and Timothy had a relationship that is our model for believers today. At a time in Paul's life, he was a "Timothy". At a time in Timothy's life, he was a "Paul".

BE A "TIMOTHY". Christ's work in the church is magnified by not just one leader but by many "Timothys", whose obedience to godly leadership expands Christ's kingdom. (Philippians 2:19-22, fn 2:19, 22, I Peter 4:10-11, fn 4:10-11, I Corinthians 12:4-11, fn 12:6) *How are you a Timothy?*

BE A "PAUL". You cannot be an apostle like Paul; but you, like Paul, can be totally committed to serving Christ. Every believer has a ministry to fulfill. You are a unique person, created in God's image. He loves you, dwells in you, and has given you gifts that are vital for the health of the church body. (Philippians 2:23, fn 2:21, I Corinthians 4:16-17 fn 4:16, Titus 1:1, fn 1:1[2nd], Romans 12:3-8, fn 12:3, fn 12:6) *Why should you view your ministry as vital to your family?*

GET A "TIMOTHY". As you model Christ's life and spend time with Him in His Word and in prayer, God will use your leadership to raise up "Timothys" who will eventually become "Pauls" who will continue to advance the gospel. (Philippians 2:22, I Peter 5:2-5, fn 5:2-5, II Timothy 2:1-2, fn 2:2, Philippians 3:17, fn 3:17, Ephesians 4:11-14, fn 4:12-13) *How could Team Discipleship assist you to have a relationship with "Timothys"?*

Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?