



**SERMON TITLE: "IN SEARCH OF  
GODLY MEN"**

**SCRIPTURE: PHIL. 2:19-30**

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# INTRODUCTION

- If a panel of experts were searching for Godly men would you be selected as one of those men?
- If we are honest as men with ourselves we know the answer to this question

# HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF OUR TEXT

- Paul was in a Roman prison when he wrote this letter and suffering great difficulty
- The church at Philippi took up an offering and sent Epaphroditus to be with Paul and minister to him

## WHAT WE LEARN FROM THE CHARACTER OF THESE MEN

- (1). They were willing to serve in Second Place- Timothy and Epaphroditus were both willing to serve in second place.
- (2.) They could be trusted

# WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A GODLY MAN AND FATHER

- It takes self denial to serve in second place.
- We must be willing to deny ourselves if we want to be Godly men



# WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A GODLY MAN AND FATHER

- You must be a man that people can trust
- Can your spouse and people trust you?

# WHAT THE CITY SHOULD SAY ABOUT A CENTRAL MAN

- (1.) A Central man is a servant leader- and doesn't mind riding in the second chariot.
- (2.) A Central man can be trusted because he seeks God's kingdom

# TWO ATTRIBUTES THAT MY FATHER TAUGHT ME

- 1.) A Strong work ethic
- 2.) Responsibility- Be a man that people and your family can trust



# THE CHARACTER OF A GODLY MAN IN OUR TEXT PHIL. 2:25-30

- A look at Epaphroditus character
- A.) Vs 25 He did not quit
- B.) Vs. 26 He did not forsake the church
- C.) Vs. 27 He did not forsake God

# EPAPHRODITUS'S CHARACTER

- Vs. 28-30 Paul endorsed him and told the church at Philippi to highly esteem him because of his character.
- Can people endorse your character as been exceptional?

# CONCLUSION – WHAT GODLY MEN AND FATHER'S DO

- 1. They endure hardship
- 2. They don't forsake the family or the church
- 3. They don't forsake God
- 4. Godly men and Fathers don't quit

## CONCLUSION CONT'D

- 5. Godly men and Fathers are courageous-they don't walk in fear
- 6. Godly men fulfill their obligation
- 7. Godly men are the epitome of servant leadership