

Joy in Christ
Timothy & Epaphroditus
Philippians 2:19-30

1. God uses those with a shepherd's nature.

Philippians 2 ²⁰ I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. ²¹ For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 10 ²⁴ No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

Philippians 2 ³ In humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

2. God uses those with proven character.

Philippians 2 ²² 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. ²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me.

3. God uses those with a sacrificial heart.

Philippians 2 ²⁵ But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. ²⁶ For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him... ²⁸ 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.