

TAKING RISKS for Christ

Living examples; EPAPHRODITUS part 3; Philippians 2:25-30

Introduction

25 But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need; 26 because he was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. 27 For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow. 28 Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly so that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less concerned about you. 29 Receive him then in the Lord with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard; 30 because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was deficient in your service to me.

#1 The _____ of a risk taker ²⁵

* F _____ my brother

* F _____ fellow worker

* F _____ fellow soldier

Proverbs 10:9 He who walks in integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will be found out.

* F _____ who is also your messenger

* F _____ minister to my need;

#2 The _____ of a risk taker 26-28

1st Epaphroditus practiced selfless _____ 26-27a

Luke 4:40 While the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and laying His hands on each one of them, He was healing them.

Luke 14:27 Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

Matthew 10:38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. Mark 8:35 For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

2nd Epaphroditus was an important _____ to Paul 27b-28

Acts 19:11-12; 2 Timothy 4:20b Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.

#3 The _____ of a risk taker 29-30

1 Risk becoming _____

2 Risk stepping up your _____

3 Risk pursuing your _____ for Christ

4 Don't risk your _____

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-Why does Paul talk about Epaphroditus in such detail to the Philippians?
- 2-How did Epaphroditus become so important to Paul?
- 3-In which one of the qualities—family, fellowship, fighter, functioning, or faithful—do you need to mature?
- 4-How exactly did Epaphroditus become a model for the Philippians?
- 5-If a risk is biblical, spirit-filled and affirmed by the church [like Epaphroditus], is it worth taking for Christ's glory?
- 6-What steps will you take to be a biblical risk taker and follow Epaphroditus' example?

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