

## **Honorable Servants of Christ Philippians 2:19-30**

### I. Introduction

- A. God never intended for you to live the Christian life by yourself.
- B. There are many barriers in our culture to true and lasting friendship.

### II. Paul and His Friends

- A. We will never properly relate to others until we are properly related to Jesus Christ (Philippians 2:5; 21, 30).
- B. Openness and obligation are essential for finding friends and bonding with them (vv.20, 24-30).
- C. Committed friends believe the best about each other and do more than is expected in their relationship with one another (vv.19, 28).

### III. Conclusion

Follow the examples of Timothy, Epaphroditus and Paul:

- A. As we do this, we will be able to show the world that friendship is both precious and possible.
- B. As we do this, we will be able to spur one another on in our devotion to God.