

MEN OF LIKE SOULS

PHIL. 2:19-24

Introduction:

- A. God's people are to have many common attributes.
 - 1. Love, faith, hope, moral living.
 - 2. We can do more, God is glorified more when this is true.
 - 3. Most churches emphasizes worldly matters; common age, common hobbies, common needs.

- B. This concept is mentioned by Paul as he speaks of Timothy. v20
 - 1. He had written of having things in common. v2
 - 2. Same mind, same love, same interests, preaching.
 - 3. Paul and Timothy had a deeper union.
 - 4. They were of the "same soul," likeminded.
 - 5. likeminded = of the same soul.

- C. Paul depended on Timothy because they were of the same soul.
 - 1. I Cor. 16:10, "Now if Timothy came, see that he may be with you without fear: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do."
 - 2. We both work "the work of the Lord."

I. TIMOTHY WOULD TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE PHILIPPIANS.

- A. v19 "When I know your estate."
 - 1. Paul was concerned about them.
 - 2. This made him uncomfortable.
 - 3. Timothy could relieve his mind.

- b. We should care about others of our faith.
 - 1. The work in India, Solomon Islands.
 - 2. V.M. John and son, Caecerian section.

II. TIMOTHY WOULD CARE FOR THEM AS PAUL CARED.

- A. "who will naturally care for your state."
 - 1. naturally = spoken of children legitimately begotten.
 - 2. Genuinely, sincerely.

- B. Many times our care is based on something insincere and selfish.
 - 1. Our care is to impress, to manipulate, influence.
 - 2. We use circumstances as tool. (Samaritan)

III. TIMOTHY WOULD PUT THEM FIRST AS PAUL DID. V21

- A. "Everyone seems to be worrying about his own plans and not Christ's will."
 - 1. There may be hyperbole in this statement.
 - 2. He didn't feel there were genuine ministers.

- B. There were some who disqualified themselves.
 - 1. Demas, mentioned by name.
 - 2. "Having loved this present world."

IV. TIMOTHY HAD THE SAME INTERESTS AS PAUL IN PREACHING THE GOSPEL. V22

- A. "But ye know the proof of him."
 - 1. proof = the state of being tried, tried and found to be true.

- B. "that, as a son with a father."
 - 1. Like a father and son business.

- C. "He that served with me in the gospel."
 - 1. "he that shared by servitude, to preach the gospel."

V. PAUL OR TIMOTHY WOULD COME, ONE WOULD BE AS GOOD AS THE OTHER. V 23,24.

- A. Paul would send Timothy.
 - 1. "I will send him immediately."
 - 2. "when I have time to see where I stand."
 - 3. "as soon as I clear up some personal matters."

- B. Paul hoped to come to them.
 - 1. "really I am trusting by the help of the Lord, I shall soon come myself."

VI. THE OBVIOUS LESSON IS ONE OF UNITY.

- A. Likeminded, 2:2.
 - 1. Minding the same things, of equal soul.

- B. Have the same love, "having the same love."
 - 1. Love the same things.

- C. Have the same purpose.
 - 1. "Being in one accord."

- D. Have the same mind. "Of one mind."
 - 1. The same thing in mind.

- E. Have the mind of Christ. v5
 - 1. Let all of you think like Christ.

- F. Have the same care.
 - 1. v4.

