

Epaphroditus

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Philippians 2:25-30.

B. Epaphroditus is a model in several ways.

II. Dedication.

A. He was dedicated to Christ.

1. Some are dedicated to the church without being dedicated to Christ.
2. This is a focus on activities.
3. Genuine dedication must begin with a real dedication to who Christ is.

B. He was dedicated to Christ's church.

1. Many are dedicated to Christ but not His church.
2. If you are dedicated to Christ it is necessary to be dedicated to his body.
3. It is imperative to get involved in the life of the church.
4. We grow through the church.
5. Epaphroditus was involved in the church as an ambassador.
6. He was homesick for fellowship with those in the church.
7. He was concerned for others who were sick.
8. He recognized the failings of the church.
9. He had a remarkable ability to encourage others.

C. He was dedicated to Christ's cause.

1. We must be caught up in what Christ is doing these days.
2. Epaphroditus had the ability to encourage.
3. He learned how to share as a team player.
4. He worked like a laborer. Faith exercised results in labor.
5. He was a minister whose service was unto God.
6. He did not kill himself for the sake of the ministry.

III. Difficulties.

IV. Dependence.

Applications questions:

1. Which aspect of Epaphroditus's dedication stands out to you? Explain.

2. Why is it healthy to recognize the failings of the church?

3. How can you maximize your dedication to God's cause in light of the message?
