



# Significant Friendships

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- **1 Samuel 20** – the story of courageous friends.
- **Philippians 2** – description of the kind of friends that inspire greatness.

Paul uses two examples of the kind of relationships that make a incredible impact in the world:

**Timothy**      “I have no one else like him.” Philippians 2:20  
**Epaphroditus:**      “hold men like him in the highest honor.” vs. 29 (Ph)

## FIVE KEYS TO GREAT FRIENDSHIPS

### 1. COMPASSION:

Put \_\_\_\_\_ Before \_\_\_\_\_.

“He (Timothy) is the only one ... who really cares about you. Everyone else is only concerned with their own affairs, not about the cause of Christ.” vs. 20-21 (TEV)

“...they are all wrapped up in their own affairs...” vs. 21 (Ph)

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### 2. CONSISTENCY:

Put \_\_\_\_\_ Before \_\_\_\_\_.

“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.” vs. 22

“The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.” Proverbs 10:9

“The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children after them.” Proverbs 20:7

### 3. COOPERATION:

Put \_\_\_\_\_ Before \_\_\_\_\_.

“I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier...” vs. 25a

#### 3 Descriptions of the Christian Life:

1) It is a F \_\_\_\_\_

2) It is a F \_\_\_\_\_

3) It is a F \_\_\_\_\_

“So all the men of Israel got together and united as one man against the city.” Judges 20:11

### 4. COMMITMENT:

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**Put the \_\_\_\_\_ Before \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“(Epaphroditus) ...is your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs ... he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him.” vs. 25b-27*

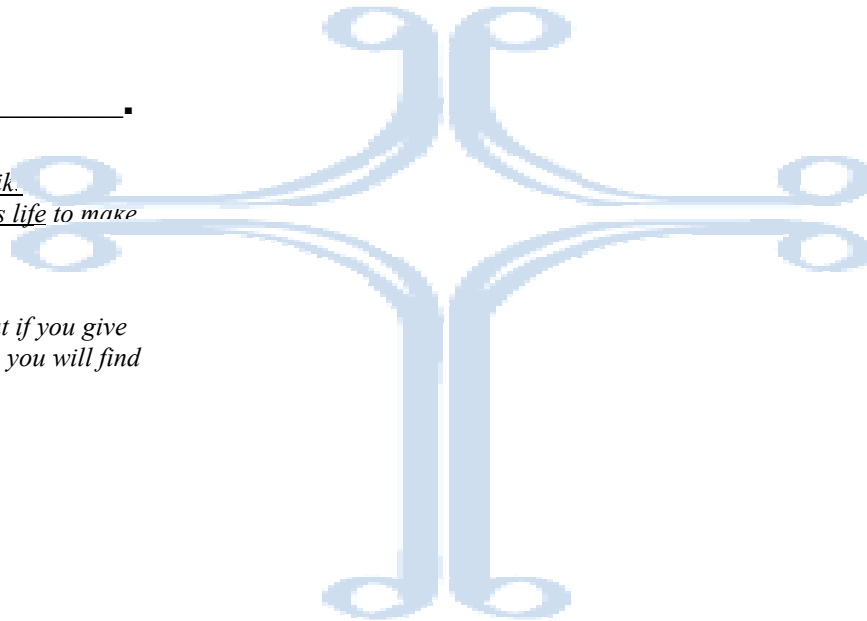
*“Faith that doesn't **SHOW ITSELF** by good deeds is no faith at all--it is dead and useless.” James 2:17*

## **5. COURAGE:**

**Put \_\_\_\_\_ Before \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like because he almost died for the work of Christ, RISKING his life to make up for the help you could not give me.” vs. 29-30*

*“If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life.” Mark 8:35*



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