

Questions for Consideration—*With the Master In Fullness of Joy*

Lesson 13 — What is Biblical Friendship? Part I—Paul and Timothy — Philippians 2:19-24

1. Read Philippians chapter two making note of the similarities and differences in the character qualities of Timothy and Epaphroditus.

2. Memorize Philippians 2:22.

3. (a) What further insights do you read about regarding Paul and Timothy's relationship in II Timothy chapter one? (b) What other marks of Biblical friendship are there according to these verses?

4. (a) What are the qualities of a true friend according to the following verses: Proverb 14:20; 17:17; 18:24; 22:11; 27:6; 27:9; 27:10; 27:14; 27:17? (b) Do you possess these qualities?

5. (a) Who does Jesus call "friend" in Matthew 26:47-56? (b) What does this tell you about friendship? (c) Why do you think that those who were his "real friends" forsook Him and fled?

6. (a) Which of the following qualities of friendship is the weakest in your life: a servant's heart; a soul-mate (like-minded); selfless; sincere (genuine); a spirit of a son with a father; and serving or sharing in the gospel? (b) What could you do to improve this?

7. Think of at least three people who are of kindred spirit with you. (like-minded) Pray for them. Let them know this week how much you appreciate their examples and ministries.

8. After looking over questions 4 and 6, write a request asking the Lord to help you be a better Biblical friend.