

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

Lesson 14 — Biblical Friendship-Part II — Philippians 2:25-30

1. Read chapter 2 of Philippians and write down at least one new truth you have learned in this chapter as well as one change you have made.

2. Memorize Philippians 2:29

3. (a) Paul says in Philippians 2:25 that Epaphroditus is his brother, his companion in labor, a fellow soldier and their messenger. According to the following verses, who else were companions with Paul in the ministry: Philippians 4:3; Colossians 1:7,8; Colossians 4:7-14; I Thessalonians 3:2; and Philemon 1,2. (b) What things does he say about them? (c) What do you learn from these verses about serving with others in the work of the Lord?

4. (a) Hezekiah was also sick unto death (just like Epaphroditus). Read II Kings 20:1-11 to see how God had mercy on him also. (b) What does this tell you about seeking God when you are sick?

5. (a) Paul tells the Philippians to receive Epaphroditus in the Lord with all gladness (2:29). Read Matthew 10:40-42 and note what Jesus says about receiving others. (b) What are the principles of receiving others and what are the rewards?

6. (a) Has your service for Christ ever cost you your health? (b) Do you labor to the point of exhaustion at times for the Lord? (These are questions you can answer in the privacy of your own heart.)

7. Observe your behavior this week with others, especially believers. (a) Do you receive others gladly? (b) Does your tone of voice and your body language show these things? (c) In what ways can we improve as believers as it relates to being warm and welcoming?

8. As you consider the life of Epaphroditus, which quality of his would you most like to emulate? Put your desire in the form of a prayer request.