

# As a Son with a Father

## Philippians 2:19-24 | Sermon Guide

**Philippians 2:22** *But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel.*

### BIG IDEA

Paul's relationship with Timothy shows us the importance of raising up spiritual children who can be observed, trusted, and deployed for gospel ministry.

### SERMON OUTLINE

Movement	Truth to Grasp	Key Texts
1. Have kids	Faithful ministry includes both biological influence and spiritual investment.	Ps. 127:3; Acts 16:1; 2 Tim. 1:5; 1 Tim. 1:2; 2 Tim. 1:2; 1 Cor. 4:17
2. Observe your kids	Paul knew Timothy's proven worth and could identify his gospel-shaped character.	Phil. 2:19-22
3. Trust your kids	Paul trusted Timothy because Timothy cared for Christ's interests and the church's welfare.	Phil. 2:20-24
4. Deploy your kids	Spiritual parenting is not complete until we send faithful servants into needy places.	Phil. 2:19

### THE CHARACTERISTICS OF TIMOTHY

Characteristic	Text	What Paul Saw
Encouraging	Philippians 2:19	Timothy's visit would bring Paul joy through news of the Philippian church.
Empathetic	Philippians 2:20-21	He was genuinely concerned for the welfare of others, not merely his own interests.
Evangelistic	Philippians 2:22	He served with Paul in the gospel as a son with a father.
Essential	Philippians 2:23-24	Paul viewed Timothy as a trusted and necessary partner in ministry.

### PERSONAL NOTES

What stood out from the passage?

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What does Timothy teach me about maturity?

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Who has invested in me spiritually?

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## Application & Discussion | Philippians 2:19-24

### SCRIPTURE CONNECTIONS

Theme	References	Summary
Biological influence	Acts 16:1; 2 Timothy 1:5	Timothy had a believing mother, Eunice, and a faithful grandmother, Lois.
Spiritual parenting	1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2; 1 Corinthians 4:17	Paul could call Timothy his child in the faith because he had invested in him spiritually.
Gospel partnership	Philippians 2:22	Timothy served alongside Paul in the gospel as a son serves with a father.

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

**Have Kids:** Can you call anyone “my child in the faith”? Who are you intentionally influencing toward Christ?

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**Observe Your Kids:** Are you alert to the blessings and challenges faced by those you are mentoring?

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**Trust Your Kids:** Have you discussed a plan for their continued maturity and entrusted them with the resources to make it happen?

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**Deploy Your Kids:** Is it time for you to shoot them out of your quiver like an arrow into a desperate and needy culture?

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### ACTION STEPS

Step	Personal Application
Name	Write down one person God may be calling you to invest in spiritually.
Know	Ask questions and observe their character, burdens, gifts, and spiritual needs.
Nurture	Encourage maturity through prayer, Scripture, correction, and example.
Send	Look for a meaningful way to entrust responsibility and deploy them in ministry.

### PRAYER

*Lord, help me become the kind of disciple who both follows faithfully and invests intentionally in others for the sake of the gospel.*