

The Book of Philippians

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 - A. Timothy: A Man of Faithful Commitment (2:19-24)
 - B. Epaphroditus: A Man of Undying Sacrifice (2:25-30)
 - 1. Paul Described His Intent for Epaphroditus (2:25-28)
 - a. His Plan for Epaphroditus (2:25)
 - b. His Reasons for This Plan (2:26-28)
 - 1) Epaphroditus' Concern for the Philippians (2:26-27)
 - a) His Affection for Them (2:26a)
 - longing to long for or desire (intensified)
 - b) His Concern about Them (2:26b-27)
 - The Fact of Illness
 - The Origin of Illness
 - (1) The Concern His Illness Would Have Caused (2:26b)
 - sick weakness, feeble, inept; sickness
 - (2) The Severity of His Illness (2:27)
 - (a) It Brought Him to the Brink of Death (2:27a)
 - (b) It was Overcome by God's Mercy (2:27b-d)

Principle 1: As Christians we ought to be seriously concerned about each other's life challenging illnesses and should inform the church of our health issues.

Principle 2: The righteous are not immune to illness, even of a serious nature.

Principles 3: The Bible does not advocate for our deny the believer's use of medical means of healing, it only tells the believer to look to God as the ultimate source of healing.