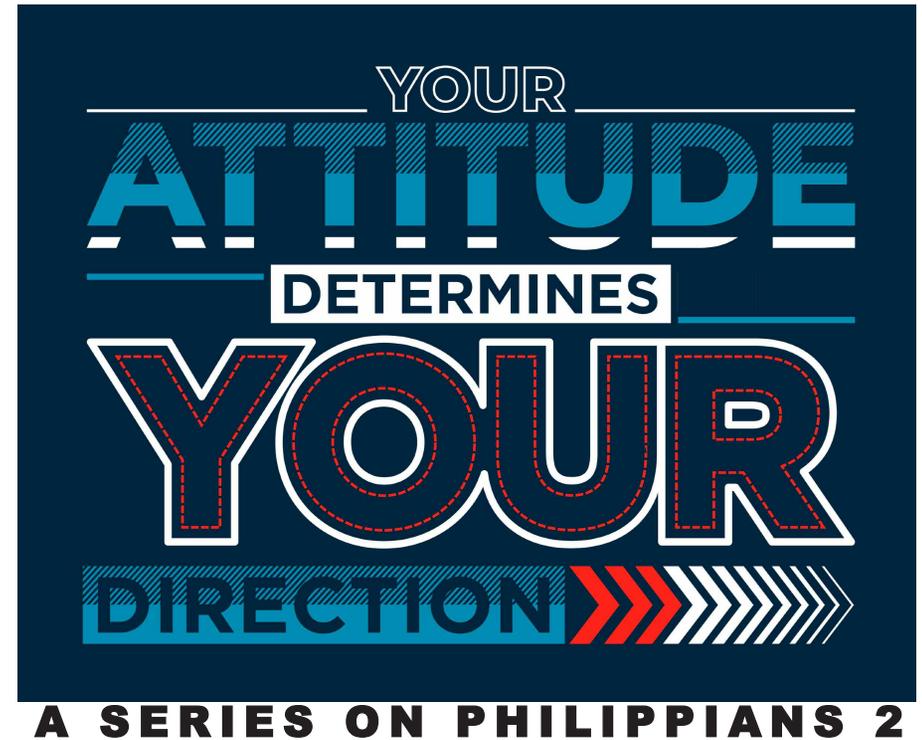


Philippians 2:17-24

¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. ²⁰ I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. ²¹ For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² 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. ²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.



“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus”
Philippians 2:5

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| 1. An attitude of humility | 2:1-5 |
| 2. An attitude of servanthood | 2:5-11 |
| 3. An attitude of obedience | 2:12-18 |
| 4. An attitude of sincerity | 2:17-24 |
| 5. An attitude of courage | 2:25-30 |

An Attitude of Sincerity Philippians 2:17-24

Sincerity:

Greek: anhupokrites =

Latin for sincere: sine cera =

But how do I sincerely love and forgive those people that I cannot stand?

1. Live your life as a _____ (v.17-18)

Drink offerings:

(also Luke 22:10)

Romans 12:1 I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer yourselves

as _____

How Paul viewed his situation, and his life:

2. Live your life in the _____ (v.19)

In the Lord Jesus means:

How to find the will of God in your life (Rom 12:1-2)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

3. Find someone that you can be _____ (v.20-21)

Timothy:

We all need a Timothy in our lives:

4. Live your life for the furtherance of _____ (v.22)

How did Timothy "prove" himself?

1. What does it mean to be sincere? Give examples.

2. We are told to love one another, also, to love our enemies. We are told to forgive as the Lord forgave you. However, we are also told that love must be sincere (Rom 12:9). How do we sincerely love and forgive people that we cannot stand, or don't want to have much to do with?

What needs to take place in our lives for love to become sincere?

3. Sincerity comes from within, and if we struggle with being sincere in any area of our lives, we need a change in our mind and heart. Peter gave four steps to living a life of sincerity. The first was to live your life as a sacrifice to God. Read Philippians 2:17-18. What was the significance of a drink offering in the Jewish sacrificial system? How does this tie in with Luke 22:20 and Romans 12:1?

4. Read Philippians 2:19-22. What was the second step in living a life of sincerity? Why is this so important to sincerity? Romans 12:1-2 gives four steps to knowing the will of God. What are they and how does this fit with a life of sincerity?

5. In verses 20-21 we see that Paul had a tremendous respect for Timothy. Pastor Peter said that we all need a 'Timothy' in our lives. Someone we can trust, rely on, and be real with. Do you have someone like that in your life? How important is it to you? How do you think it will help you to live a life of sincerity?

6. In verse 22 Paul said that Timothy had proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. Timothy got involved in furthering the Kingdom of God, which had a way of melting him down and "proving" him in the fire. The more he got involved, the more he was made pure and so became more 'sincere'. Why do you think this is? How are you involved in the furtherance of the Kingdom?

7. Is there an area of your life do you struggle with being sincere? What can you do to change your attitude?