

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP I

Text: Philippians 2:25-30

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### "HOLD SUCH MEN IN ESTEEM"

#### THE EXEMPLARY LIFE OF EPAPHRODITUS

1. Five wonderful aspects highlighted!

- a) Brother                      Philippians 2:25
- b) Fellow-worker              Philippians 2:25
- c) Fellow-soldier              Philippians 2:25
- d) Your messenger              Philippians 2:25 ("specially sent" - root word "apostle")
- e) The one who ministered to my needs      Philippians 2:25

2. Illness of Epaphroditus

- a) He was seriously ill      Philippians 2:27
- b) He did not want the Philippians to worry about him      Philippians 2:26
- c) His heart is clearly displayed

3. Sparing of Epaphroditus

- a) The mercy of God on Epaphroditus
- b) The mercy of God on Paul
- c) Epaphroditus was spared from death

4. Receiving of Epaphroditus

- a) To be received with gladness              Philippians 2:29
- b) To be esteemed highly                      Philippians 2:29

5. Reasons given

- a) For the sake of Christ's work he came close to death      Philippians 2:30
- b) He risked his life for the sake of ministry
- c) He was sent by the Philippians to serve the apostle Paul

#### BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

*Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem. Philippians 2:29*