

## ***“In the Footsteps of Heroes”***

pt. 15 — Philippians 2:17-24

### **To Live is Christ**

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#### INTRODUCTION

- an example...

“Example is the most powerful rhetoric.” — *Thomas Brooks*

#### *1. Concern for others*

- evidenced in Paul’s life  
Phil. 3:17-18; Rom. 9:2-4; 2 Cor. 2:4; 1 Thess. 2:9-12;  
2 Cor. 11:28
- following his example  
1 Cor. 11:1; 4:16-17
- evidenced in Timothy’s life  
Phil. 2:20

#### *2. Commitment to Christ*

- evidenced in Timothy’s life  
Phil. 2:21
- evidenced in Paul’s life  
Phil. 1:21; Jn. 3:30
- poured out as a drink offering  
Phil. 3:8

“Believers’ greater joy comes at the point of greatest sacrifice, because serving God is the supreme purpose for their existence.”  
— *John MacArthur*

#### *3. Proven character*

“Character is the most effective means of persuasion.”  
— *Aristotle*

“Character may be manifested in great moments, but it is made in the small ones.”  
— *Phillip Brooks*

- evidenced in Timothy’s life  
Phil. 2:22; Acts 17:14; 19:22

“Character is not made in crisis—it is only exhibited.”  
— *Chuck Swindoll*

#### CONCLUSION

- ☉ What will be the influence of your life?

