**Philippians**

*The True Christian Spirit*

*Phil 2:17-23*

Sacrifice

* Not afraid of death. Actually sees the good in it.
  + For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. (2 Tim 4:6)
* Will Cause Others to Increase in Joy
  + 13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other *places*; 14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. (Phil 1:13-14)

Submission

* Sending the Best
  + Parting from What is Best for Us
  + V 20 - Who will naturally care for your state
    - gnesios gnay-see'-ose
    - AV-naturally 1; 1
    - genuinely, faithfully, sincerely
      * For something to be natural, it requires a change
        + For example, it takes 500,000 repetitions to retrain a muscle to fire properly
* Seeing Comfort in Putting Others First

Selflessness

* Others (v 20)
* Jesus (v 21)
* Service (v 22)

Worst case? Paul dies and goes to see Christ. That is what we all look forward to.

* Great example of Paul following his own advice – Acts 16 and the Philippian jail

Rejoice / Joy – 5 times in versus 16-18

As a son with the father

* Willing to follow orders – Submission
* Served him
  + 16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. 17 ¶ For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church. (1 Corinthians 4:16-17)