

Examples to Follow

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Example to Follow: **Paul (2:17-18)**

- Paul saw himself as “being poured out *as a drink offering...*”
 - When the priests would place an animal upon the altar to offer it as a burnt sacrifice, they would take wine and pour it either on the burning sacrifice or the ground in front of the altar. **This was to symbolize the rising of the sacrifice into the nostrils of the god to whom it was offered.**

Joy through Sacrifice?

“Unfortunately, many believers experience joy in much the same way as the world does. When circumstances are favorable, they are happy; but when circumstances are unfavorable, they are sad and sometimes resentful. The only things that bring them joy are those that promote their own interests and welfare. But when believers seek to do the Father’s will and please Him, they view sacrifice for Him with joy. **The reason many believers know little about Paul’s kind of joy is that they know little about his kind of sacrifice”**

Example to Follow: *Timothy (2:19-24)*

- He is described as:
 - Likeminded (2:20)
 - Unselfish (2:20-21)
 - Proven (2:22)

Example to Follow: *Epaphroditus (2:29-30)*

- He is described as:
 - Paul's brother (2:25)
 - Paul's fellow worker and soldier (2:25)
 - Paul's minister (2:25)

These *SAME* qualities are needed *Today*

- **Sacrifice**
- **Trustworthiness**
- **Unselfishness**
- **Compassion**