

PHILIPPIANS...PART XIV
“Biblical Role Models continued”
Reference: **Philippians 2:25-30**
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Weldon Hardenbrook authored a book called “Missing from Action: the vanishing manhood in America.” In part of that book, he discusses four models of missing manhood:

- the _____
- the _____
- the _____
- the _____

In this lesson we’re discussing a third biblical character that modeled authentic manhood; his name was Epaphroditus. In this section Paul modeled sacrifice... Timothy modeled caring... and Epaphroditus modeled _____

verse twenty five, “*Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need;*”

It is interesting that Paul used five different terms or phrases to describe Epaphroditus.

ONE is that Epaphroditus was a spiritual _____
verse twenty five continued, “*Epaphroditus, my brother...*”

Paul uses the familial term “brother” some _____ times in the New Testament in referring to the relationship Christians have with one another.

TWO is that Epaphroditus was a _____
verse twenty five continued. “...**fellow worker**”

THREE is that Epaphroditus was a _____
verse twenty five continued. “...**and fellow soldier**”

Reference: **Judges 20:11**, “*So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, united together as one man.*”

FOUR is that Epaphroditus was a _____
verse twenty five continued. “...**but your messenger**”

This messenger is the Greek word “*apostolos*” which could be translated as apostle. The word apostle means “*one that is _____*” or messenger.

FIVE is that Epaphroditus was a _____
verse twenty five continued. “...**and the one who ministered to my need.**”

This word “*minister*” means _____.

Definition: a servant is someone that senses a need and takes personal responsibility to _____ that _____.

Next Paul explained the reason he felt compelled to send Epaphroditus back to the congregation at Philippi.

Reference: **verses twenty six** through **thirty**

The phrase “*not regarding his life*” translates a participial form of the Greek term “*paraboleuomai*” and means “*to throw _____.*”

Soon after the New Testament times a group of Christians formed a group called Parabolani and that name meant “*the _____.*”

Explanation: