

**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: