

# Philippians 2:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.

## Analysis

**But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state** (Ἐλπίζω δὲ ἐν κυρίῳ Ἰησοῦ Τιμόθεον ταχέως πέμψαι ὑμῖν, ἵνα κἀγὼ εὐψυχῶ γνοὺς τὰ περὶ ὑμῶν, Elpizō de en kyriō Iēsou Timotheon tacheōs pempsaī hymin, hina kagō eupsychō gnous ta peri hymōn)—Elpizō...en kyriō Iēsou ("I hope/trust in the Lord Jesus") qualifies Paul's plan: hope grounded in Christ's will, not personal optimism. Timotheon tacheōs pempsaī ("to send Timothy shortly") announces intended delegation. Tacheōs ("quickly, soon") suggests urgency.

Purpose: hina kagō eupsychō ("that I also may be encouraged"). Eupsychō ("be encouraged, be of good courage") combines eu ("good") + psychē ("soul")—literally "be good-souled." Gnous ta peri hymōn ("knowing the things concerning you") shows pastoral concern. Paul's comfort depends on knowing their spiritual state. Timothy serves as Paul's extension—assessing, encouraging, reporting. This begins a section (2:19-30) commending Timothy and Epaphroditus as Christlike examples.

## Historical Context

Timothy was Paul's trusted delegate (Acts 16:1-3; 1 Cor 4:17; 16:10). Ancient communication was slow and uncertain—personal envoys were essential. Timothy's visit would strengthen Philippians and inform Paul. Philippians' love for Timothy (Acts 16) made him ideal. In 2:19-24 (Timothy) and 2:25-30

(Epaphroditus), Paul models the Christ-hymn's humility (2:5-11) in contemporary examples—living epistles of gospel values.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Paul's 'trust in the Lord Jesus' (elpizō en kyriō Iēsou) model Christian planning versus presumption?
2. What does Paul's dependence on knowing the Philippians' 'state' teach about pastoral concern?
3. Who serves as a trusted 'Timothy' in your life—a faithful delegate and encourager?

## Interlinear Text

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Ἐλπίζω δὲ ἐν κυρίῳ Ἰησοῦ Τιμόθεον ταχέως πέμψαι  
I trust But in the Lord Jesus Timotheus shortly to send  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Corinthians 4:17** (Faith): 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 Thessalonians 3:2** (Faith): And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:

**Philippians 1:1** (References Jesus): Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

**Philippians 2:28** (Parallel theme): I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.

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