



# Discipleship 101: Two Great Disciples & One Garbage Disciple

Philippians 2:19-3:9



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Philippians 2:19-24



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**Philippians 2:3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (NIV®)

Philippians 2:19-24



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# Timothy: A disciple who serves

- a. He serves others humbly.
- b. He serves the gospel faithfully.

Philippians 2:19-24





# Quiz – Are you a Timothy?

1. Do you show genuine concern for the welfare of others?
2. Do you serve others humbly, not looking for praise or reward?
3. Do you put Christ and the gospel message first in your life?
4. Do you love the local church and put the church's needs before your own?

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# Epaphroditus: A disciple who sacrifices

Philippians 2:25-30





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- a. He sacrifices his life (time, money, energy).

Philippians 2:25-30



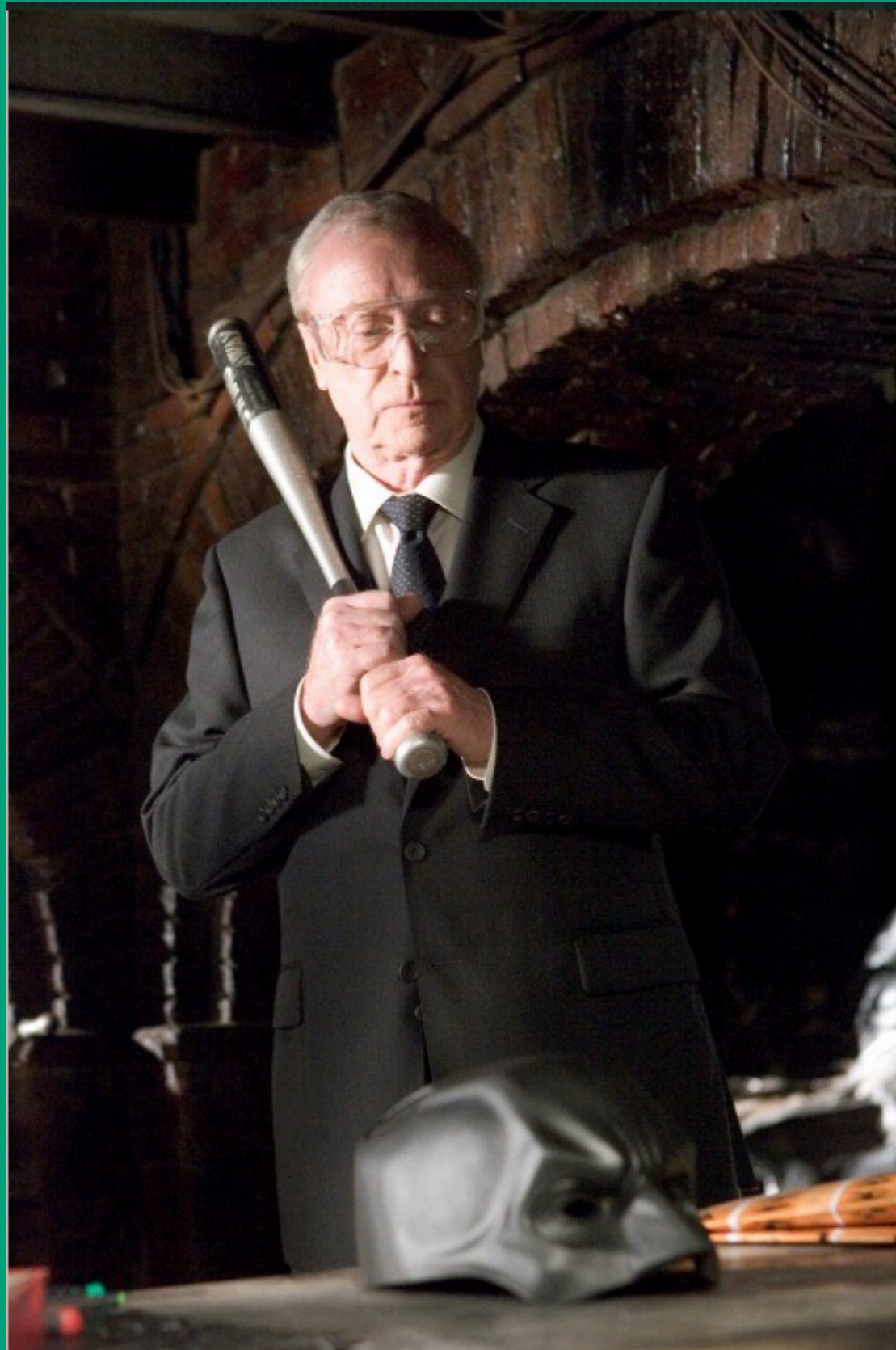


# Quiz – Are you an Epaphroditus?

1. Do you give up your time to care for others?
2. Do you give your money to help those in need, missions, and the ministry of the church?
3. Do you expend your energy to energize others?

Philippians 2:25-30





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# Paul: A disciple who is not good enough

Philippians 3:1-9



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**Deuteronomy 6:25** And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us.' (NIV®)

Philippians 3:1-9





# Paul: A disciple who is not good enough

**Romans 8:7** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. (NIV®)

Philippians 3:1-9

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**Philippians 3:2** Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. (NIV®)





# Paul: A disciple who is not good enough

**Romans 2:29a** No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code... (NIV®)

Philippians 3:1-9



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**Philippians 3:5-6** circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. (NIV®)

Philippians 3:1-9



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**Philippians 3:7-9** But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. (NIV®)





## Quiz – Are you a Paul?

1. Do you realize that no matter how hard you try, it's not enough?
2. Do you want to give up trying to earn God's acceptance and receive it as a gift through Christ Jesus?
3. Do you believe that in Christ, you're good enough?

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*In Christ, you're good enough.*