In Timothy & Epaphroditus we find examples worthy of:

1. Imitation

A) Driven Disciples

(v. 22) “proven worth” = dokime (proven by trial; tested character)

“Epaphroditus” = a name derived from “Aphrodite” (the Greek goddess of love & passion)

B) Benevolent Brothers

Matthew 25:34-40

“distressed” = ademoneo (to be deeply troubled; upset; anxiety)

John 15:12-13

C) Selfless Servants

(v. 30) “risking” = paraboleuomai (to expose to chance; to risk; to gamble)
- In the 3rd c. this word became a noun, “Parabolani” = The Gamblers

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” – Jim Elliot (1956)

2. Commendation

(v. 29) “honor such men”

3. Replication