

The best person I know (other than Jesus)

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you.

The best person I know is

The best person's actions are
I cannot control the wind. I can adjust my sails.

The best person's attitudes are
A cheerful heart is good medicine. Prov.17:22

²⁰ I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. ²¹ For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the Gospel.

The best person I know is

The best person is v20
I cannot be the person others look up to, while I am looking at myself.

The best person is v21
Jesus is God

The best person is v22a
Small acts of service, motivated by God's love, can change the world.

The best person is v22b
Gospel: not a band-aid, but life-saving surgery

The best person I know.
Hurt vs. Harm

The best person maintains v23
Fit your own oxygen mask first.

The best person v24
Jesus must increase. I must decrease. John 3:30
Seek first God's Kingdom. Matthew 6:33

O Lord, may I become so like Jesus, that when people look to me, they see through me, and they see You. Amen

²³ I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. ²⁴ And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.

This week's song selection

Celebrate Jesus | Every praise is to our God | At the name of Jesus |
Somebody's miracle | Worthy is the Lamb | Brother, sister, let me serve
you | Thank you Lord for my special friends | Shine like the stars.

For personal reflection, or group discussion

1. When you were growing up, did you have someone you admired, or was there someone who looked up to you?
2. Who is someone you have never met, but you admire her/him? Why?
3. In v19 Paul expected to be cheered by Tim's news of the Philippians. What makes (or breaks) cheerfulness?
4. Read v20-22. List reasons why Timothy was admired. Which of those characteristics do you currently find most attractive?
5. What are some of your own qualities that others may admire?
6. What are your 'Top Tips' to encourage someone towards being admired or respected by others?

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