

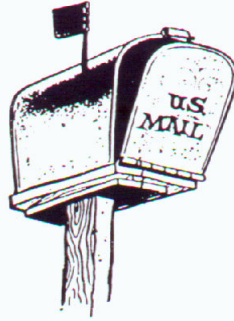
Terrific Mail Service

Introduction:

Upon reading the title of this article you in all probability said, "Terrific Mail service? Man, where is he living?" Living in the Bible takes you to Terrific Mail Service.

The last few years have been something else with the cost of stamps going up, up, and up. Someone jokingly said a definition of the middle-income class are those too rich to buy food stamps and too poor to buy postage stamps.

You probably witnessed some of the bumper sticker signs of motorists giving



vent to their feelings like, "Don't blame the mail carriers for bad service," still another, "Old mailmen never die, they just lose their zip." This appeared in a newspaper recently, "On the very first day of his vacation, our postman sent us a card, and he got back just in time to deliver it." Someone else said, "It now costs \$1.32 to mail a letter, 32¢ for the stamp, and \$1.00 for the phone call to find if the letter arrived."

Let's look at a few of God's on time letter carriers, TERRIFIC MAIL SERVICE.



1. A RADIANT LETTER CARRIER:

None other than Phoebe in Romans 16:1-2

"I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea. That ye receive her in the Lord as becometh Saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer (helper) of many, and of myself also."

- The name "Phoebe" - or "Phebe" - spelled either way, means "Radiant."

- A woman mail carrier, assigned by God to carry the epistle to the Romans.

- A saved woman, a faithful woman, a dedicated woman, *delivering mail for God.*

- Phoebe lived up to her name, Radiant in her faith, Why not? Why not live for Him publicly who died for us publicly? Praise God for men and women and young people who in a Christ-denying age are willing to perform the most menial tasks for God, gladly, radiantly.

2. A RARE LETTER CARRIER:

None other than Epaphroditus in Philippians 2:25-30.

"I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and companion in labor and fellow soldier, but your messenger, and him that ministered to my need."

- Here's a man who was sick near death but God had mercy on him. He regarded not his life to supply service to Paul who at the time was in prison. *He delivered mail for God.*

- Bible Related Ministries was privileged to have had one mail carrier (now retired) who for years carried a heavy sack of mail over his shoulder and always carried out his duties with a heart for God. BRM at present has a *board member* who delivers mail in his post office van in the suburbs. Both men begin each day with God's SON-shine in their hearts because both were *delivered* by God through salvation.

- We had a mail carrier back in 1968 in Riverside, Illinois, who delivered our mail which included Christian literature among other things to us. He would ask questions and we would answer them. He received Christ as Saviour, and from that point on he became dedicated to God, but not until then. We moved and saw him some nine years later, a rare mail carrier, happy in Christ and spreading sunshine on his route. Christian literature provoked his thinking and ended up with his getting saved.



3. A RUGGED LETTER CARRIER:

None other than Tychicus in Ephesians 6:21:22

"But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things: Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts."

- The name "Tychicus" means "Fortunate."

- And fortunate he was to know Christ as Saviour and be of service as one of God's mail carriers. What a joy to have a mailman like this, *a beloved brother, a faithful minister, able to comfort your hearts.* Delivering mail for God.

- Read Col. 4:7-12, 2 Tim. 4:12 and Titus 3:12 to see the activities of this Godly mail carrier. He was rugged for God, he kept going on not calling his service lowly. Someone said, *"every service for God whatever it is should be a command performance."*

- Such was a former mail carrier by the name of Tony Kuzdas, a member of the 'Cicero Fisherman's Club' dedicated to witnessing for Christ, and that he did on his route every day with great cheer. Our mailman in Naperville, Illinois, Brother Al, can be found daily witnessing for Christ on his route talking to people about Christ. Praise God for *blood washed* - not *brain washed* mail carriers. TERRIFIC MAIL SERVICE.

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