

“Associates And Adversaries”
2 Timothy 4:9-22
Study-12

1 King 2:5-9 – David mentioned those helpful and harmful.

“None who would minister for Christ can do so alone. We are not islands.”

Thought Of The Passage – “The Ministry Of Jesus Christ Demands Christ-like Committed Servants; The Ministry That Produces Much, Also Costs Much”

Paul Identifies 13 Persons/Categories Of His Ministry Workers:

1. Verse 9 – Timothy – A Faithful Child Of The Faith – “Make every effort to come to me soon;”

2 Tim 4:1-5 – Final instructions

2 Tim 4:6-8 – “The Death Worth Dying” Follows a life well lived! 2 Timothy 4:8

Timothy – 17X in Paul’s letters

Timothy's name was based upon two words: (timaō) “honor” and (theos) “God”; “Timothy was one who honored God, and one whom God honored”

1 Timothy 1:2

1 Corinthians 4:17

Philippians 2:19

2 Timothy 1:4

2 Tim 4:9 – “Make every effort to come to me soon;” – “Hasten,” the verb means “to make every effort, to be quick, to be in a hurry, soon, speedily, get here quickly” 2 Tim 4:21

God’s Useful Servants Are Linked to Godly Mentors

2. Verse 10 – Demas – The Deserter – “for Demas,”

Colossians 4:14

Philemon 1:24

“has deserted me” – strong verb “leaving me in the lurch, left me out in the cold, let me down, abandoned me”

Opposite of what Paul just said! 2 Timothy 4:8

James 4:4

We will have Demas’s in our lives. (Greatest Heartache has come from friends not enemies)

3. Verse 10 – Crescens – The Faithful Who Is Unknown

He represents what we call the faithful unknown who make up the ranks of every fellowship

4. Verse 10 – Titus – The Faithful Who Are Known – Titus – appears 13X in the New Testament. Titus 1:4-5

Romans 15:19

Titus 3:12

And we thank God for those who come alongside of us who are very gifted builders and leaders and equippers.

5. Verse 11 – Luke – The Dependable Companion – “Only Luke is with me.” Luke 3X in the New Testament... Colossians 4:14, Philemon 24

Luke is a dominant character in the New Testament. He wrote the gospel of Luke and Acts, 52 chapters of the New Testament

Ministry is greatly enriched by a personal confidant.

6. Verse 11 – Mark – The Unfaithful Who Became Faithful

“John Mark” lived in Jerusalem Acts 12:12

Acts 13:13

Acts 15:36

Colossians 4:10; Philemon 24

1 Peter 5:13

One of the great joys in Christian ministry – to see an unfaithful person restored.

7. Verse 12 – Tychicus – The Faithful Messenger – This man Tychicus is mentioned 4X in Scripture... Acts 20:4, Ephesians 6:21, Colossians 4:7, Titus 3:12

I thank God for the people around me who facilitate the Word getting out.

8. Verse 13 – Carpus – The Faithful Host – 2 Tim 4:13

“cloak” – a heavy blanket-like garment made out of wool with a hole in it; like a huge blanket.

“And the Books,” – “Biblion” we get bibliography or Bible; “especially the parchments” – animal skin scrolls; could be the Old Testament books.

9. Verses 14-15 – Alexander – The Enemy – 2 Tim 4:14

Romans 12:19

2 Tim 4:15 – “Be on your guard against him yourself.”; “Keep your eye open.”

Everyone in ministry has these “Alexanders” in their lives too.

10. Verse 16 – Unfaithful – Anonymous – 2 Tim 4:16

Luke 23:34

The unfaithful anonymous can destroy you if you don't learn to treat them with the same kind of spirit of forgiveness that Paul did.

11. Verses 17-18 – Sufficient – Lord

“And strengthened me.” – Greek verb is the idea of infusing with power.

Sufficient – Lord Can And Will Carry Us Through The Most Difficult Of Situations:

12. Verses 19-20 – Faithful – Old Friends – 2 Tim 4:19: “Greet Prisca and Aquila,”

Prisca or Priscilla and Aquila are mentioned 6X in the New Testament.

Acts 18:18; Romans 16:3

"and the household of Onesiphorus." 2 Tim 1:16

2 Tim 4:20 – "Erastus remained at Corinth," Acts 19:22

"but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus." – Acts 20:4; Acts 21:29

2 Tim 4:21

13. Verse 21 – Faithful – New Friends

2 Tim 4:22

Application:

1. "None Who Would Minister For Christ Can Do So Alone. We Are Not Islands."
2. "Demas, Having Loved This Present World, Deserted Paul; We Too Like Demas Must Also Choose Which World We Will Live For."
3. "The Unfaithful Anonymous Can Destroy You If You Don't Learn To Treat Them With The Same Kind Of Spirit Of Forgiveness That Paul Did."
4. "What A Blessing To Have Faithful Committed Friends. But Nothing Can Replace The All-Sufficient Lord Who Will Carry Us Through The Most Difficult Of Situations."