

AN INCENTIVE TO GODLY DEVOTION

(2 Timothy 1:15-18)

I. THE INTRODUCTION (1:1-5)

II. PAUL'S APPEAL FOR A BOLDNESS THAT WILL ENDURE SUFFERING (1:6-14)

A. God has supernaturally **ENABLED** you for your ministry (vv. 6-7)

B. Sharing both the **GOOD** and the **BAD** in ministry (vv. 8-11)

C. Paul used himself as an example of one who **SUFFERED** for **CHRIST** (vv. 12-14)

D. **EXAMPLES** of those who were ashamed and one who was not. (1:15-18)

1. Several Christians in Asia had turned their backs on the Apostle and he identified _____ of them _____, Phygellus and Hermogenes. (v. 15)
 - a. Because these two were mentioned by name we can assume they were well _____ by Timothy, and certainly their _____ is now well known to the world.
 - b. These believers first priority was _____, and so they did not want to be found guilty by associating with Paul.
 - c. It's not pleasant to be deserted by _____ friends and family, but it is especially heart wrenching to be abandoned by those you once ministered _____ and labored _____ in the Lord.
2. In stark contrast to those in Asia, because Onesiphorus _____ found Paul, the apostle prayed that the Lord's _____ would actively find Onesiphorus. (v. 16a)
3. While Paul was in prison, this dear saint ministered to him in a _____ way. (16b)

* Other examples in the NT of faithful believers ministering to the apostle.

4. Onesiphorus was not thinking of his own _____ when he arrived in Rome, because he courageously sought the apostle out with a great deal of _____. (v. 17)

* What does this tell us about thoroughness and attentiveness in ministry?

5. In v. 18 Paul prayed again that the Lord would extend _____ to Onesiphorus on “*that Day*” when all believers will appear at the _____ of Christ. (v. 18a)

* Will there be retribution for those saints from Asia who deserted Paul?

6. Timothy would have known Onesiphorus quite well since they both served at one time in the city of _____ with the apostle. (v. 18b)

* Why would Paul have brought up the deserters and the faithful Onesiphorus to Timothy?

* Do children learn moral character best through books or by observing their parents?

* How can you apply this truth personally?