

“DEAR CHRISTIAN, WILL YOU BE FAITHFUL TO THE END?”

(2 Timothy 4:9-13)

I. MARKS OF THE FAITHFUL PREACHER (4:1-5)

II. THE APOSTLE’S PERSONAL EPITAPH (4:6-8)

III. PAUL’S FRIENDS AND FOES (4:9-15)

A. Those Paul DISPATCHED and the one who DESERTED him (4:9-13)

1. With the expectation that death was very near Paul urged Timothy to make it a matter of _____ to see him as _____ as possible. (v. 9)

2. Demas had not only separated from Paul but contextually he should be viewed in stark contrast with those who _____ Christ’s _____ in v. 8.
 - a. Demas’ love had clearly turned in a different direction from _____ to the _____. (2 Tim. 4:10a; Col. 4:14; Philem. 1:24)

 - b. He left for the busy seaport city of Thessalonica where he could more freely indulge the “_____ of the eyes and the _____ of life.” (2 Tim. 4:10b; 1 John 2:16-17)

3. Some speculations as to the possible reasons why Demas had deserted the apostle in his hour of need...
 - a. he did not want to be _____ with a man condemned to die by the emperor

 - b. he was tired of the poor living conditions and desired _____ and a comfortable lifestyle.

 - c. he was no longer willing to _____ the _____ of the intense persecution associated with the gospel of Jesus Christ

4. In v. 10 Paul only lists one _____ that being Demas, while the other two men were faithfully _____ – “*Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.*” (v. 10c)
5. Luke was with the apostle in his first imprisonment and now here he was in the end, a faithful _____, physician, and _____ in ministry. (v. 11a)
6. Thankfully John Mark, once a deserter of Paul (Acts 13:13; 15:36-40), had since proven himself; and had eventually won the _____ and _____ of the apostle once again. (Col. 4:10; Philemon 1:24)
7. Tychicus had been Paul’s traveling companion on his _____ Missionary Journey (Acts 20:4), and he was the _____ of the letters to the Ephesians (6:21) and to the Colossians (4:7).
8. Paul asked Timothy to pick up several valuable _____ along the way that he had left _____ with Carpus in Troas, possibly the place of his final arrest. (v. 13)

* What should this tell us about studying the Scriptures during stressful times or old age?

* How can you personally apply this passage in your own life?