

Teaching Series: 2 Timothy
Passage: 2 Timothy 1:7-18
Title: The Man/Woman of God Who Perseveres

Theme of the Book:

2 Timothy 1:13–14 (NKJV) ¹³ *Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.* ¹⁴ *That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.*

Summary: In our study today, the Lord gives us the calling and charge to “hold fast to the pattern”, which is the theme of this Book, so that we may not be moved and persevere regardless of what comes our way in life. God will give us 3 things in our study today that the man/woman of God does to persevere, so that we may not fear, but have power-love-and a sound mind. Join us for a great Word to stand on, especially for the days we are living in.

2 Timothy 1:7–18 (NKJV) ⁷ *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.* ⁸ *Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,* ⁹ *who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,* ¹⁰ *but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,* ¹¹ *to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.* ¹² *For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.* ¹³ *Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.* ¹⁴ *That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.* ¹⁵ *This you know, that all those in Asia have turned away from me, among whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.* ¹⁶ *The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain;* ¹⁷ *but when he arrived in Rome, he sought me out very zealously and found me.* ¹⁸ *The Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord in that Day—and you know very well how many ways he ministered to me at Ephesus.*

Outline: 2 Timothy 1:7-18:

1. The Man/Woman of God who Perseveres: Is Not to be Afraid - but have Power, Love and a Sound Mind (1:7)
2. The Man/Woman of God who Perseveres: Is Not to be Ashamed – but a Partaker of Affliction (1:8)
3. The Man/Woman of God who Perseveres: Is Not to be Moveable – but Unmovable (1: 9-18)

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Man and woman of God, hold fast; Paul knows his departure is near, he is giving the calling to finish well, finish in faith, finish in love, finish proudly for God's glory and honor.

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1.) The Man/Woman of God who Perseveres: Is Not to be Afraid - but have Power, Love and a Sound Mind (1:7)

(2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV) For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Timothy Fearful / Is Paul Alive

Persecution has started, Timothy is fearful, he too knows Paul's death is imminent. Is Paul even alive, will Nero dip him in wax, torture him slowly, parade him through the streets for public humiliation.....am I next?

The Knock on the Door

Then the knock on the door comes, it is a friend, I have a letter for you, it is from your Father Paul, he lives. Imagine for Timothy, ohh just to hear from my father one more time. I hear about Nero killing all the Believers, but Paul still lives. Timothy would not have put the letter on the table and said I'll read after my show is over, I'll read it tomorrow, I'll read it after my kids' game is over, noooooo, it's from Paul. The world would have stopped for Timothy, ohh Paul, father, what do you have to say. Your words over the years have been strength to my soul, manna for the day.

He Reads this Line / Your Heavenly Father is With You

Then he reads this line, *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.* Timothy, fear not, although I am not with you, your Father in Heaven is. You are not alone, you are not forsaken, on the contrary, God has given you Himself, He has given you all you will ever need.

God Always Gives Himself

In all circumstances, one thing **God will always give you, is Himself.** The power and love and sound mind are all Him, He is all those things.

Maybe you have fear today, it's a relationship, finances, health, God will say fear not, for I have given you, myself. We see Him through the Scriptures becoming all things to all our needs.

- When you are confused about your future go to your
 - "*Jehovah-raah*", your "**Caring Shepherd**" (Psalm 23)
- When you are anxious about your provisions, talk to your "*Jehovah-jireh*",
 - the "**Lord who Provides**" (Genesis 22)
- Are your challenges too great, then seek the help of
 - "*Jehovah-shalom*", the "**Lord is Peace.**" (Judges 6)
- Is your body sick, emotions weak, then go to your "*Jehovah-rophe*",
 - the "**Lord who Heals**" who will see you now. (Exodus 15)
- Do you feel like a soldier stranded behind enemy lines, then take refuge in

- "Jehovah-nissi", the "Lord is my Banner." (Exodus 17)
- As Moses said who shall I say sent me, the Lord replied
 - "I Am", which means "the Becoming One", God will become to you all you need, never leaving you lacking. He is the Great I Am. (Exodus 3)

Exodus 3:13-14 (NKJV) ¹³ Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

God does not give us the spirit of fear, but through His spirit He gives us power, love, and a sound mind.

Power

The power is "dunamis", (doo'-nam-is); miraculous power (usually by impl. a miracle itself):--ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

Love

The love is "agape", (ag-ah'-pay), it is love that is not capable for man, but only capable through the spirit of God

Sound Mind

The sound mind is "sophronismos" (so-fron-is-mos) discipline, i.e. self-control:--sound mind. It is a mind that is at peace, not racing in confusion.

All it takes is a Breathe to Stir Up the Gifts

It appears that this fear has caused Timothy to let his gifts wane and go dormant. Paul said to stir up the gifts Timothy. As we mentioned in the last study, stir-up means to rekindle the flame. You know all it takes to rekindle a fire is a little breathe. For us, that is the breath of heaven, the spirit of God.

2 Timothy 1:5-6 (NKJV) ⁵ when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. ⁶ Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Parents teach Your Kids this Verse

Parents, Paul taught this verse to his son in the faith, Parents this is a memory verse you need to teach and instill in your children, make it one of the first you teach them.

2.) The Man/Woman of God who Perseveres: Is Not to be Ashamed – but a Partaker of Affliction (1:8)

(2 Timothy 1:8 NKJV) Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,

House Arrest vs Current Arrest

This is Paul's last Epistle, as he writes he is imprisoned in a dark damp prison cell. In his prior imprisonment's he was basically under house arrest. There he was chained to

a guard 24/7, but the conditions were as close to home as you could get, he had his clothing and blankets, and the basic necessities and basic comforts of home, and visitors could come and go as they pleased. But this imprisonment, he was in a cold damp crunched cell. I saw these prison cells while I was over in region. Not every cell was the same height, it would vary based on your height, the ceiling would always be one or two foot lower than the persons height so they could never fully stand up, they would always be crunched over. There were no toilets, but a common trench that ran through all the cells, thus everyone's waste would flow through everyone's cell. The walls were concrete, and would seep from the outside weather, the cell floor always damp, sometimes even soaked, (Paul will ask Timothy to bring me my coat (4:13), for comfort). Of course, with these conditions, rats and pests would be living among the prisoners.

Abandoned by Everyone

On top of these conditions Paul was abandoned by virtually everyone, as we will read in chapter four. The reason he was abandoned, everyone was afraid to be associated with Paul because they feared they would suffer the same fate as him. For unlike Paul's confident hope of release during his first imprisonment (Phil 1:19,25,26;2:24; Philemon 1:22), this time he had no such hope, he knew execution was imminent.

My Time is at Hand

2 Timothy 4:6 (NKJV) ⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.

1st Imprisonment vs 2nd Imprisonment

The time of this writing is Paul's second imprisonment. Paul's first imprisonment was due to the local Jewish religious leaders, but this imprisonment was due to a much greater wave going through the world. There was massive persecution against the Christians at this time. The charge against Paul for his second imprisonment was inciting an insurrection against Rome,

Rome in Flames / Christians to Blame

Historical writings tell us, it was July 19, AD64 Rome was in flames. Though it was never known who started it, it was on such a scale that it was clear that it was not an accident. Many writings said it was Emperor Caesar Nero himself who set the blaze. They say as Rome burned he sat on his balcony twiddling his fingers, just watching it burn. He was bored with his world, nothing left to conquer, so in his mind if he could burn Rome down, then he could rebuild it. Rebuild it bigger and more fabulous, a tribute for the ages to come, a legacy for him to be remembered. As the citizens of Rome were outraged at the arson against their city, Nero accused the Christians of burning Rome, thus started the wave of persecution against the Christians.

Burn Own City / Timeline

To burn your own city down is insane. But if we look at the timeline we can see the cause of his insanity.

Paul's first imprisonment was approximately 60-62AD, it was before Caesar Nero (the Emperor of Rome) began his all out persecution against the Christians. Paul's second imprisonment here is approximately 66-67AD (thus this writing is approx. 66-67AD). The timeline shows that it was shortly after his meeting with Paul that he started an all out assault against the Christians..

Paul never Missed and Opportunity

Now we know Paul would not miss the opportunity to witness to Nero, just like he did with Felix.

(Acts 24:25 NKJV) Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."

And then King Agrippa and Festus:

Acts 26:27-29 (NKJV) ²⁷ King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe." ²⁸ Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian." ²⁹ And Paul said, "I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains."

Nero faced with his Sin / Burned Christians

Paul would have told this man Caesar Nero that there was one greater than him, that he wasn't the greatest most powerful, but that Jesus Christ is, and that one day he would have to stand before his making. It was after this meeting that Nero launched an all-out assault on Christians

When faced with their sin, we will truly see what is in the heart of a person.

Writings say that Nero would at night coat Christians in wax or tar, tie them to a post and light them, then race his chariot between them naked screaming and yell at them as he passed. For enjoyment he would throw them in a pond full of piranhas and watch them get devoured.

As for Nero, his ultimate response to the gospel would be the ordering of Paul's beheading.

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Satan wants you to Quit

It is through hard times that Satan wants you to quit on your faith, to quit using your gifts. Satan will whisper in your ear, don't pray out loud, don't teach that Sunday School Class, don't share your faith, you are going to fail. Don't listen to him; it is a lie straight from the pit of hell.

Promised Hard Times

We have been promised hard times:

2 Timothy 3:12 (NKJV) ¹² Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Don't Despise Hard Times

Don't be ashamed of the hard, don't despise the hard times, trust God is working in them and through them, therefore you yourself must persevere through them. You as this verse says, *are to share in them*.

Ray do you think you made a mistake by quitting your job and going to Bible College? The question I heard several times at church, from well-meaning Christians, after I returned from Bible College and was unemployed for 9 months. Yes I can imagine how angry God must be at me for wanting to know Him more, become more like Him, and to serve Him and make Him known to a lost and dying world, of course He must be mad at me for leaving my job and going to Bible College, thank you for revealing that to me I would have never considered that apart from your deep spiritual insight – NOT!

Whether these afflictions are in the home, workplace, or ministry, share in them, persevere through them.

Pastor Wanted

A posting for "Pastor Wanted" was replied by this gentleman and it reads:

Dear Gentleman,
Understanding your pulpit is vacant; I should like to apply for the position. I have many qualifications. I've been a preacher with much success as a writer. Some say I'm a good organizer. I have been a leader most places I've been.

I'm over 50 years of age and have never preached in one place for more than three years. In some places I have left town after my work caused riots and disturbances. I must admit I have been in jail three or four times, but not because of any real wrong-doing.

My health is not too good, though I still accomplish a great deal. The churches I have preached in have been small, though located in several large cities.

I've not gotten along well with religious leaders in the towns where I preached. In fact, some have threatened me and even attacked me physically. I am not too good at keeping records. I have been known to forget whom I have baptized.

However, if you can use me, I promise to do my best for you,

Sincerely, the Apostle Paul

Christ's Prisoner

God uses afflictions and hard times for His purposes, notice Paul in prison, but look who he says he is a prisoner of in verse 8; *His Prisoner!* Paul is not saying I am Nero's prisoner, nor Rome's prisoner, but I am a prisoner of Christ.

I take you back to last week's study - The Impenetrable Prison. Paul knew whose he was (the Lord Jesus), and he knew who was with him in that prison (The Lord Jesus); therefore he was immovable, and impenetrable.

Don't be Confused

We get confused what success really is in the ministry of serving the Lord, or just living. Somehow with our American mindset, we confuse hard times with failures, God is working just as greatly in flower garden as He is in the compost pile. They both are a part of each other.

(Isaiah 42:4 NKJV) He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law."

We are to persevere through the disasters and afflictions, be partakers in them knowing God is working in the midst of them.

3.) The Man/Woman of God who Perseveres: Is Not to be Moveable – but Unmovable (1: 9-18)

(2 Timothy 1:9 NKJV) who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

(2 Timothy 1:10 NKJV) but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

Called Us/Saved Us/ All by Grace

He called us, He saved us, not according to our works, but His grace. Your salvation is by grace, and so is your ministry, and blessings. It is all grace, it is unmerited and unearned. We know we are saved by grace, but somehow we think that our works will get us extra blessings. This is our Blessed Assurance.

“We are born broken. We live mending. The grace of God is the glue.”

Grace, the finished work of Christ, is our glue or else we will become unglued, dismantled, broken apart, as we think this is something to do with us. We have been saved by grace and not works, Praise the Lord:

Ephesians 2:8–10 (NKJV) ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Doesn't James Say

But doesn't James say faith without works is dead. Yes, but understand this, it is not faith and works, it is not faith or work, it is faith that works. You are so blessed by Gods grace that you find yourself just responding in loving, and service, sharing, and praying. You are just responding what he has poured out on you, it is just faith that works.

James 2:18 (NKJV) ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Paul tells Timothy, your salvation and calling is all by grace: unmerited, undeserved, unearned grace.

Grace Manifested in Jesus Christ / I see His Power in Nature

Notice where the grace and love of God is manifested, in Jesus Christ. People will say I don't need to go to church on Sunday, my church is in the woods, or on the golf course, or on the beach. That is where I meet with God, I see all his power and creativity there, it is there I fellowship with Him. No doubt all those things are true about His creativity and power:

(Psalms 19:1 NKJV) The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

(Romans 1:20 NKJV) For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Nature Shows His Power / But not his Love

Yes nature shows His power and creativity, but nature does not show his love and grace. The love and grace of God is only seen in the person of Jesus Christ, and most specifically, the cross. It is in the Word, in worshipping, in unity of the believers, in the fellowship of the brethren that we see His love and grace.

John 3:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Nature cannot show you verse 10

abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

Nature Will show you Death / But will not Comfort you In Death

Nature will show you death with hurricanes, tornadoes, and blizzards, but it won't show you what is said here, it says he **abolished death**. Paul like in verse one is guilty of the name-it, claim-it. He is claiming his promise of eternal life, Paul knows death is imminent, but it writing in power.

You may say the woods and the golf course, and the beach are your church, but when death is imminent, they won't bring you comfort, only the promises of His Word will give you comfort, and power.

Abraham Lincoln / Abolished Slavery

When Abraham Lincoln abolished slavery (Emancipation Proclamation – 01/01/1863), America became a new world. The former slaves were free to walk in freedom, no more looking over their shoulder, no more the whip coming against their back. The Gettysburg Proclamation declare to the whole world, you are free, slavery has been abolished.

We Can walk in Full Assurance

We can walk in full assurance of eternal life, and freedom from the bondages of sin, no longer looking over our shoulder, no longer worrying of death to come, but looking forward to the fact and assurance that we know - that we know, that our last breathe here on earth will be our first breathe in heaven.

We know these things are true because we know His Word, His promises, and as we studied last week, we know His Word is reliable.

(2 Timothy 1:11 NKJV) to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

Based on what we have just read, nothing could move Paul!

Preacher – proclaiming the Good News to the unsaved – most definitely needed.

Teachers Needed / Avoid Topicals

Teachers – is what is really needed. The church and Christians today have been preached to death, the problem is that they don't grow because all they know is the salvation message. That is why we go through the Bible, verse-by-verse. The problem with topical messages is that we can pick a subject and ride it to death. Continually teaching on child rearing, family, marriage, or witnessing.

Jesus Didn't Teach much on These Topics

If you think about it, Jesus didn't teach that much on those subjects, when He did it was powerful, but we don't have chapters upon chapters on marriage do we?

A few verses in Ephesians 5, a few in 1 Corinthians 7, a verse in Hebrews 13:4, so a few verses, and several stories about marriage throughout the Bible, but all in all, not that much on marriage.

How about finances. Have you ever heard the quote from pastors that Jesus spoke more about giving, in terms of money, than he did on hell. I've heard that several times and my studies just can't qualify that statement.

What Did Jesus Speak Most On

What do we find Jesus speaking of mostly in the Scriptures is the big picture: Eternity, the Father, Salvation, Justification. You see when you have the big picture, then all those other things fall into place.

Verse-by-verse is always in the right proportion

Verse-by-verse is always in the right proportion because we just take the verses that are before us, and speak to them and about them. You who are going to teach or go out and start a work, just stick to verse by verse, you will never go wrong. Don't try to figure out what the people want to hear, God knows.

Always Right on Time

And on that note, verse-by-verse, is always right on time. You will never have to worry if this is what God wants you to speak, because God will not give His Word independent of Himself, so His Word will speak to the heart of the people always.

When we were in Ireland, we went to support one of the Calvary Chapels there in Galway. The pastor came to me and said you know we just keep going through the

bible and this week is 1 Corinthians 6, we will be talking about sexual immorality, it might be a little heavy for a group of missionaries. I said one thing we know, God's word is always right on time, and if these are the verses you are on, then we know these are the verses God is going to show Himself through.

"What happened, the father of one of the youth that came on the mission trip, (his daughter went to the Sunday Service), he came up to me with tears in his eyes, he said his daughter had been struggling with her purity. all of her friends are having sex, and she was tired of waiting, she reached the point of why wait, she felt like she was the last virgin in the world, she was ready to quit, but then she heard the message, and felt refreshed, excited, and thankful she has been faithful the Lord. He said if she got nothing else out of the trip, that it was worth every penny just for that Sunday morning." Praise the Lord and to God be the Glory."

Verse by verse will always be right on time, and in the right proportion.

God's word always unique to every last person, though written to the multitude, by the Spirit it becomes unique to each person individually.

(2 Timothy 1:12 NKJV) For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

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I suffer these things because I was a preacher and teacher, but he is not ashamed, but assured!

The Whom verses the What / The Whom will get you through the Dark Damp Dungeons
You Bible highlighters, highlight that word "Whom". Notice it is not what I believe, but whom I believe. Whom is what will get you through the dark damp dungeons of life. Lots of people know what they believe, but not the Whom. The what will never see you through the dark, damp dungeons of life. It is the reality of know the whom. The intimate and personal relationship.

The people who know the Whom they believe, but might not know all the what, they are a joy to hang around and share with, because they know the who. When you know the whom, then the situation will never dictate how you feel.

Trust the Damp Dungeons Based on the Cross

You will say Lord I may be in this dark damp dungeon, you've allowed it, but I trust you. How and why do I trust you, look what you've done for me on the cross, how could I ever not trust you.

Paul says I know Whom I believe in. It is the whom, as Job would say

*(Job 19:25 NKJV) For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;
(Job 19:26 NKJV) And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God,*

He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

Committed – in the greek it is the word used for making a bank deposit. I entrusted my life to Jesus, He is able to keep it.

Also noticed back in verse 8, that saved and called are in the past tense. It is a done deal, the down payment has been made, God will meet you, either in the air or with outstretched arms before the throne. Be assured of that.

Then the theme of this book, for Timothy and for us:

(2 Timothy 1:13 NKJV) Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

(2 Timothy 1:14 NKJV) That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

Passing the Mantel / Stand Strong Timothy

Yet with all this, what is Paul's heart, his young protégé Timothy. He writes him to encourage him to continue in the ministry in strength and power. It was the passing of the mantel, Timothy would now have to be the one who would lead and give spiritual leadership to the churches in the days of persecution. No small task, Paul will tell Timothy you must persevere, you must be a pattern for others to follow, you must prevail against the perils before you, and you must preach the Word.

Last Words

These are the last words of the greatest pastor/teacher/evangelist that ever walked the earth, next to Jesus. We should make this book become a part of our very being.

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(2 Timothy 1:14 NKJV) That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

Hold fast to sound words.

Sound – meaning healthy,

And the Greek for words here is “logos”, the same logos as in John 1:1

(John 1:1 KJV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The Bread of Life dwelling in you. Hold on to the Bread of Life Dwelling in you, hold on to Words he has taught you.

(2 Timothy 1:15 NKJV) This you know, that all those in Asia have turned away from me, among whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

Paul abandoned – But based on what we have just read, nothing could move Paul!

Paul, or more specifically, God names two by name, recorded for eternity, for all to read.

There is a place for identifying those who are poisons to the church. I believe Paul is being gracious by just saying they turned away. For Paul to record this, he is exposing them to protect the flock from them. If there are those who are preaching and leading people astray, they need to be identified.

(2 Timothy 1:16 NKJV) The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain;

(2 Timothy 1:17 NKJV) but when he arrived in Rome, he sought me out very zealously and found me.

(2 Timothy 1:18 NKJV) The Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord in that Day; and you know very well how many ways he ministered to me at Ephesus.

Onesiphoros, (on-ay-sif'-or-os) meaning profit-bearer.

I like the amplified Bible, it says “bracing me like fresh air.” How awesome to be a breath of fresh air in some ones hour on need.

There you go for the nursing home and hospital visitation ministry.

Onesiphorous refreshed Paul, who went on to refresh others – you never know how far you refreshment of others goes

and was not ashamed of my chain

Onesiphorus, a contrast to these other two. Notice God is recording for all of history this man’s work of love. He is doing the same with you, the question is, what has He recorded about you lately.

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3. The Man/Woman of God who Perseveres: Is Not to be Moveable – but Unmovable (1: 9-18)

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)

- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

