

***Demas the Deserter***  
***2 Timothy 4:9-11***  
***8.30.23***

Make every effort to come to me soon, <sup>10</sup> because Demas has deserted me, since he loved this present world, and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Bring Mark with you, for he is useful to me in the ministry.

***I. Introducing Demas***

***About Demas***

***Philemon 1:23-25*** Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings, and so do <sup>24</sup> Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my coworkers.

<sup>25</sup> The grace of the Lord<sup>Ⓜ</sup> Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

***Colossians 4:13-15***

For I testify about him that he works hard<sup>Ⓜ</sup> for you, for those in Laodicea, and for those in Hierapolis. <sup>14</sup> Luke, the dearly loved physician, and Demas send you greetings. <sup>15</sup> Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her home.

***Why Demas left?***

***Safety***

***Business***

***His “legacy”?***

***A pagan priest***

***A businessman***

***2 Tim. 4:10*** because Demas has deserted me, since he loved this present world, and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

***A “quitter”***

***1 Cor. 9:27*** Instead, I discipline my body and bring it under strict control, so that after preaching to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

***II. What can we learn from Demas?***

***A. We all have a “Demas” in us waiting to happen***

***--We all need to pay attention and be careful***

***1 Cor. 10:12*** So, whoever thinks he stands must be careful not to fall.

***--We all must be careful of the “Demas Syndrome”***

***SYMPTOMS OF THE DEMAS SYNDROME***

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***1) CARNALITY***

***2) COVETOUSNESS***

***3) COCKINESS***

***--We all can be tempted***

***1 John 2:15-17*** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one’s possessions—is not from the Father, but is from the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world with its lust is passing away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever.

***--We must be proactive in our effort to not become a “Demas”***

***Ingest***

We have a lowest-common-denominator Christianity being taught in so many denominations that has produced a people who simply do not know some of the most basic Christian truths.

**Albert Mohler**

***Communicate***

***Connect***

***Help/Serve***

***Confess***

***Forgive***

There must be a divorce between you and sin, or there can be no marriage between you and Christ.

**Charles Spurgeon**

***Suffer well***

***Rest***

***B. What do we do with the Demas in our lives?***

***Reach out***

***Gal 6:1*** Brothers and sisters, if someone is overtaken in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual, restore such a person with a gentle spirit,<sup>[a]</sup> watching out for yourselves so that you also won't be tempted.

***Hold accountable***

***Matt 18:15*** "If your brother sins against you,<sup>[a]</sup> go tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won your brother.

***Pray***

***James 5:16*** Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.

***Love unconditionally***

***1 Cor 13:13*** Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—but the greatest of these is love.

***Close:***

“I gave up all for Christ, and what have I found? Everything in Christ.”

**John Calvin**