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Topic: A Study of 2 Timothy: Will You be True?

Scripture text: 2 Tim 4:9-22

1. We must be true and faithful to the Lord in our service and live profitable lives. Apostle Paul was a godly example and was wholly devoted to the Lord. He was imprisoned in Rome for the cause of Christ and wanted Timothy to bring some things speedily to him. The reason for his loneliness was because Demas, his fellow labourer, left him for the comforts of the world. Time and circumstances proved that Demas was not true to the Lord. Others were weak at heart and forsook Paul too (verse 16). Crescens and Titus were called to serve the Lord elsewhere (verses 9 and 10).

2. However, Luke was true to the end. He ministered to Paul in his time of need. Mark also proved himself to be a true servant after his previous failure when he abandoned Paul during a missionary journey. God was merciful to restore Mark back to the mission field and he was profitable to Paul once again in his ministry. (verse 11). Paul entrusted this letter to Tychicus for it to be delivered to Ephesus (verse 12). Even at the end of his life, Paul was still a student of God's Word by reading the parchments (verse 13).

3. The mark of a true servant is exemplified when Apostle Paul left all vindication to the Lord regarding Alexander who greatly resisted his preaching. Likewise, we should not have a vengeful spirit but rest in the Lord's sovereignty and justice (verses 14 and 15). Paul was a faithful minister of the Word when he continued to preach even in the Roman prison. He trusted in God for deliverance and looked for the blessed hope of eternal life (verses 17 and 18).