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Topic: A Study of 2 Timothy 4 - Helping and Warning!

Text: 2 Timothy 4:12-15

1. God saved us but He allowed us to remain behind on Earth to help and warn one another. If we forget this, we will be a tool for the devil to use. We must live according to how the Bible wants us to live because the god of this world is Satan and we are like sheep in the midst of wolves.
2. **Helping (v12-13)** - Paul needed help from Timothy to bring him a coat as he was feeling very cold due to the change of weather. But the church of Ephesus cannot be left without a pastor, so he sent Tychicus to take care of the church while Timothy made his way to Paul. Paul was very concerned for the churches and labourers that they would continue to grow from strength to strength even after his departure from this earth. The ministry of help goes two ways - you help others, and you also need help from others. Those who know that they need help will be the best helper.
3. **Warning (v14-15)** - Alexander the coppersmith was an evil man because of the wrong doctrine he propagated - he claimed to believe in Jesus but did not believe that Jesus came in the flesh. His belief stems from the wrong understanding that the flesh is evil. However, he still claimed to be a believer just like the other disciples of Christ. Therefore, Paul had to warn others about this man and his false doctrines. The ministry of warning has to be very specific and named publicly. Use the Word of God as an objective guide to decide what is right and wrong. The more you study the Bible, the more your warning will be a blessing to others.

Are you a helper, like Tychicus, or someone that has to be warned against, like Alexander?