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Topic: A Study of 2 Timothy 4 - Will the Lord Stand with you?

Text: 2 Timothy 4:17

1. Nepotism means to use one's power or influence to show favouritism to family relations in business and politics. Christians should not be nepotistic in our relationship with God. This means that we should not think that the Lord will stand with us no matter how we behave.
2. At the end of Paul's life, he said that no one wanted to be identified with him because he was suffering in prison. But in verse 17, Paul said that the Lord stood with him. This means that the Lord was by his side to assist him. How did he know that the Lord was with him? He was strengthened in his inner man to persevere and not compromise. He did not let fear capitulate him. This COVID-19 pandemic may cause us to be fearful, but we should not let it stop us from doing God's work.
3. Paul's own life experience was a living example of God standing by his side. His life blessed many brethren, including the Gentiles. Similarly, the Lord will stand with those who serve Him faithfully and fervently. He will not allow others to bring us down if it is not His will. Therefore, in your highs and lows, serve God with your best.
4. God delivered Paul when he was in the lion's dungeon. He was also delivered so many times when he was persecuted. But Paul knew that his time of service was up and his final deliverance would come soon where he would be taken up to glory.

Be the best Christian you can, and the Lord will stand with you to assist you.