

The People In Our Lives

(2 Timothy 4:6-18)

- Introduction:
1. Throughout our lives, we meet many people.
 2. Some of these people will impact our lives temporarily, while others will remain a presence in our lives until our deaths.
 3. The aim of this lesson is to remind you of the people in you lives:
 - a. To pull your friends closer.
 - b. To identify your enemies.
 - c. And to remember that God will never forsake you.

I. Paul's Life

- A. (2 Timothy 4:6-8).
- B. At this point in Paul's life, he is about to be martyred.
- C. As he nears the end of his life, he...
 1. Expresses his hope (vs. 7-8)
 2. And he remembers people in his life (vs. 9-16).

II. The People In Paul's Life

- A. Demas, who had forsaken him (2 Timothy 4:10).
 1. (Matthew 13:3-6).
 2. Sadly, some will chose this world over the next world.
- B. Luke, who had remained with Paul (2 Timothy 4:11).
 1. Think of how much this must have meant to Paul.
 2. (Proverbs 18:24).
- C. John Mark, who had come into Paul's life, left, and came again (2 Timothy 4:11).
 1. (Acts 12:25; 13:13; 15:36-41).
 2. We have enough real enemies than to make our friends into our enemies.
- D. Alexander the Coppersmith who opposed Paul (2 Timothy 4:14).
 1. We will have people who are set on our destruction and harm.
 2. Sometimes, we must leave our grievances to God.
 3. (Nehemiah 6:2).
- E. God, who stood with him (2 Timothy 4:17-18).
 1. Regardless of what man may do; come or go, God will never forsake the faithful.

- Conclusion:
1. May we value our friends.
 2. May we pull close and forgive those who are not our enemies.
 2. And may we glorify God for being faithful to us.