



Be Like Onesiphorus!
2 Timothy 1:15-18
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Introduction

In our passage today, Paul offers key reminders about the Christian life for faithful servants of Christ.

The Text: 2 Timothy 1:15-18

¹⁵ You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶ May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, ¹⁷ but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me— ¹⁸ may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

1) Faithful servants of Christ should be prepared for Earthly disappointments and hardships (vv 15-17).

A. Disappointment from within the Church (v 15).

B. Hardship in the World outside of the Church (vv 16-17).

2) Faithful servants of Christ can expect divine mercy from the Lord (vv 16-18).

3) Faithful servants imitate the examples of other faithful servants of Christ (vv 16-18).

Response

Be Like Onesiphorus! Be imitators of faithful servants of Christ in service to the Gospel!

Sunday Text Questions for 2 Timothy 1:15-18 (“Entrusted to You” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: Who are some faithful Christians who have been a model for your own faith? What about that individual’s faith was inspiring for you?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) What is the relationship between this passage and 2 Timothy 1:6-14? How does this passage reinforce the overarching point of 2 Timothy 1:6-14?
- 4) In v 15, how does Paul emphasize the emotional toll of his current situation?
- 5) In what ways has the Church or fellow brothers and sisters in Christ disappointed you? What made that experience painful?
- 6) In what ways has your own faith brought hardship (big or small) on your life from the world around you? If your faith has not brought hardship on your own life, do you know anyone who has experienced hardship for their faith (big or small)? If so, what hardships did they experience connecting to their faith?
- 7) What does vv 16-18 reveal about Onesiphorus’ character and his commitment to the gospel? How does Paul reinforce this through his description of Onesiphorus?
- 8) In v 18, what does “on that day” refer to? What is the relationship between the mercy a Christian receives from the Lord and a Christian’s service to the Gospel?
- 9) Read Matthew 5:7 and 25:31-46. How do these passages help inform us of Paul’s train of thought in this passage?
- 10) In what ways are you tangibly serving the ministry of the Gospel as a faithful servant of Christ currently? Are there other ways you can serve the Gospel both in your public witness and at Home? What steps can you take to serve the Gospel in these areas of your life?