

# Is Your Fire Going Out ?

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:9-10

Bible scholars tell us that these words were written by Paul from the Maritime prison in Rome. You can still see it today. It's a sunken down dungeon.....

While Paul sits in ..... his mind remembers a man named Demas.

Paul never had a more promising associate than Demas.

He was young..... He was on fire.....

perhaps Paul was grooming Demas to take over his.....

But something went wrong.

The fire turned..... Demas had turned..... and the only thing left to say.....

There are 3 stages Demas went through for the fire to go out:

I. Stage no.1 is \_\_\_\_\_.

These verses in 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4 speak not only of a present \_\_\_\_\_  
but it hints of a past \_\_\_\_\_.

**Philemon 24 Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.**

This verse goes back about 6 or 7 years to a different time.....

Paul describes Demas as a fellow laborer. Means to work with or work beside.

There was a time when..... There was a time when..... When you study the book of Acts you'll find that Paul didn't choose just anybody..... His standards.....

If you joined Paul's ranks, you joined up..... Only those SOLD OUT to Jesus could.....

They were fellow laborers. They were together in 3 areas:

1. Duty -- They \_\_\_\_\_ together. They \_\_\_\_\_ churches together.

They \_\_\_\_\_ together. They were 2 spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ in a supernatural \_\_\_\_\_!

2. Doctrine -- They believed the same things. You can rest assured with Paul, Demas believed in the fundamentals of the faith..... He believed the Bible was the.....

Jesus was the..... the church was the..... He believed in the literal.....

3. Danger -- They were both singed by the fires..... They were together hand.....

What a warning for us all:

Demas at one time was on the mountain top ..... worldliness

Wonder how many times Paul said to Demas 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:12 ?

II. Stage no.2, the stage of \_\_\_\_\_.

Let's move to a different day in the life of Demas, for it wasn't long after Paul .....  
he writes these words in

**Colossians 4:14 Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you.**

Paul describes Luke as ..... but no longer is Demas his fellow laborer he is just Demas.

Paul sensed a change in Demas' life. He could see the zeal.....

Key thought: Don't think this change in Demas happened overnight.

It was not, one day Demas was witnessing and ..... then all of a sudden  
he says he's had enough, I'm going to follow the world.

Turning from the Lord happens ONE step at a time.

**Proverbs 14:14** *The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways:  
and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.*

Turning from the Lord always begins in our \_\_\_\_\_ !

Demas was in the stage of decision. He knew he couldn't serve 2 masters.

There was a time he would only look once.....

When the world moved into Demas' heart \_\_\_\_\_ moved out.

Great men in the Bible were men who made great decisions for God.

They were men who came to the same crossroads that Demas did.

One sign said \_\_\_\_\_. One sign said the \_\_\_\_\_.

Joshua stood before 5 million of his countrymen and said.....

Pharaoh said to Moses, "stay in Egypt and the land is yours.

Moses said I'd rather have \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_ !

The 3 Hebrew children were told to bow or burn they said.....

They said to Daniel,

"if you pray you're dead, Daniel said I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_" !

Demas' future destiny was determined by a faulty decision !

Instead of singing, "I have.....

III. Stage no.3, the stage of \_\_\_\_\_.

Demas didn't lose his salvation he lost his satisfaction. His fire for Jesus.....

Notice 3 things:

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:10** *For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world...*

Paul is not talking about the world of:

\_\_\_\_\_ for we are to enjoy..... \_\_\_\_\_ for we are to love..... John 3:16

But the world Paul is talking about is this worldly system that's' anti Christ... 1 Jn. 2:15

John Wesley said, the world is anything that \_\_\_\_\_ my love for Jesus."

2. He left the \_\_\_\_\_. Paul said he has "forsaken" me.

The word forsaken means to let a man down. Demas had let Paul down.

But more importantly he.....

It's one thing to desert man's \_\_\_\_\_ but quite another to desert God's \_\_\_\_\_.

3. He lost his \_\_\_\_\_.

When Demas chose to love the world and forsake his Lord he:

\_\_\_\_\_ his Christ \_\_\_\_\_ his companion - Paul \_\_\_\_\_ his crown

He didn't lose his salvation he lost his reward.

For when we forsake our \_\_\_\_\_ we forfeit our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Here's the Good News we can ALL come back home the ..... and we can too !**