



Loyalty is a priceless  
character trait

## **A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED – 2 TIMOTHY 1:15-18**

As the apostle ponders the end of his life and ministry, he counts the \_\_\_\_\_ he has received from one particular man—Onesiphorus. This fellow had been his \_\_\_\_\_ while in Ephesus. Perhaps he led him to the Lord many years ago and was his discipler, maybe he had become one of the Ephesian elders that was so dear to him (Acts 20:17-38); we can only speculate. What we do know is he had stuck by Paul from the time they met until now in his last days. While earthly material possessions are temporal, our relationships with fellow believers are permanent, lasting throughout eternity. Little else is as precious as a brother or sister in Christ that \_\_\_\_\_ us faithfully through thick and thin, good times and bad, for better or worse, richer or poorer.

### 1. The textual conclusion of chapter 1 – 2 Timothy 1:15-18

- a. Timothy is aware of the situation – verse 15a
  
- b. Paul has been \_\_\_\_\_ by all in Asia – verse 15b
  - He names particular men that have deserted him—Phygellus and Hermogenes
  
- c. One man has been a \_\_\_\_\_ friend—Onesiphorus – verses 16-18
  - He lives in Ephesus and is a family man – verses 16, 18; 4:19

### 2. A friend in need is a friend indeed

- a. Characteristics of a \_\_\_\_\_ friend found – Mt. 25:31-46
  - Seeks to meet your needs – 2 Ti. 1:16b
    - Physical needs – Prov. 18:24
    - Emotional needs – Prov. 27:9
    - Spiritual needs – Prov. 27:17
  
  - Not ashamed of you or your present circumstances – 2 Ti. 1: 16c; Prov. 27:6
  
  - Willing to go the extra mile to minister to you – 2 Ti. 1:17a

- Single-minded in care and will go to any means necessary – Prov. 17:17; 2 Ti. 1:17b
- Accomplishes the goal of meeting you where you are – 2 Ti. 1:17c
- Their love and care are well-known by other believers – 2 Ti. 1:18c

b. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a faithful friend

- Prayers on their behalf are lifted up to God – 2 Ti. 1:18a
- Mercy from the Lord at the judgment seat of Christ – 2 Cor. 5:10; Ro. 14:7-12; 1 Cor. 3: 9-15; 2 Ti. 1:18b

Mercy, not as in a pardon or forbearance from punishment, but rather as in grace, favor, blessing, reward, and charity; receiving the same \_\_\_\_\_ from God as they showed to others