Demas' Decision

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INTRODUCTION

- Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. You can hear the hurt in Paul's voice.
- This is the third and final mention of Demas in the letters of Paul.
- What was the allure to Demas that he would leave this great servant of the Lord?

1 The High Cost of Broken Fellowship

Proverbs 3:5–8; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15

- What we do know is that his agape, his love of the world, is set in contrast to the love of Paul and every believer.
- The decision to not walk after his ways will always and inevitably lead to a lesser quality life. You are always choosing less.
- Trust in the Lord with all your heart. And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge him. And he will make your paths straight.
- Undue attachment to the world breaks union with God. Friendship with the world is hostility toward God.
- When they were so often flirting with the world and creating enmity between themselves and God, they were usually oblivious to the condition.
- Respectable trappings do not lessen the severity of the sin.

2 The Fruits That Are Forfeited

James 5:16; Philippians 2:15–16

- There is the quenching of the fruit of the Spirit in your life.
- There was one fewer worker for the cause of Christ. How much good could Demas have done had he remained the fellow worker of Paul?
- Every Demas who leaves the truth makes it a little more difficult for some Cornelius to learn the truth. Or for some Timothy to be reared in it.
- When a believer quits, he or she robs the world of the flavor of the example of Jesus Christ.
- Some people are in the process of leaving the Lord long before they leave the Lord's people.
- Jesus doesn't sit on the throne anymore of my heart. I do. And that's the root of all of our problems.

THE CHALLENGE

Who’s on the throne? In your heart. That’s what determines. Do you seek fellowship with him above all else?

MY NOTES