

# DEMAs – A COWORKER...LOST!

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## 1. Demas was a coworker of Paul

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Ministry is:	
Work	Conflict
Success	Emotions
Difficulties	Failures Usually with outsiders, but the worst are always insiders

## 2. Demas was a coworker of / with many good people!

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**Colossians 4:14** Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you. **Colossians 4:17** And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

## 3. Demas was a coworker in good standing!

## 4. Demas was a coworker during difficult times!

**Ephesians 3:1** For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

**Ephesians 4:1** I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

**Ephesians 6:20** For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

**Colossians 4:3** Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

**Colossians 4:18** The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.

**Philemon 1** PAUL, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,

**Philemon 9** yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

And, in my opinion, there are always

## 5. Demas a coworker...got lost!

**2 Timothy 4:9** Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me: **2 Timothy 4:10** For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved (ἀγαπήσας) this present world (τὸν νῦν αἰῶνα), and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia. **2 Timothy 4:11** Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

## **Facts:**

- People **do** go astray
- Some **don't** come back / **never come back**
- We **know** God keeps us – forever

**John 10:28** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. **John 10:29** My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

**2 Timothy 1:12** For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

**Psalms 37:23** The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: And he delighteth in his way.

**Psalms 37:24** **Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: For the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.**

**Philippians 1:6** Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

- **God also warns us! And, they are real warnings.**

**Proverbs 11:2** When pride cometh, then cometh shame: But with the lowly is wisdom.

**Proverbs 16:18** Pride goeth before destruction, And an haughty spirit before a fall.

**Proverbs 18:12** Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, And before honour is humility.

**1 Timothy 3:6** **Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.**

**1 Corinthians 10:12** Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

**Proverbs 4:18** But the path of the just is as the shining light, That shineth more and more unto the perfect day. **Proverbs 4:19** The way of the wicked is as darkness: They know not at what they stumble.

- **Going away has many roots & one fruit**

**2 Timothy 4:10** For Demas hath forsaken me, **having loved this present world**, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

**1 John 2:15** **Love not the world**, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **1 John 2:16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. **1 John 2:17** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

**Galatians 1:3** Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, **Galatians 1:4** Who gave himself for our sins, **that he might deliver us from this present evil world**, according to the will of God and our Father:

**Galatians 1:5** To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Luke 14:25** And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, **Luke 14:26** **If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.**

**Luke 14:27** **And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.**

**Luke 14:33** **So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.**

**2 Timothy 3:12** Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

**2 Timothy 3:13** But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

## **This is the second and final go-around / imprisonment for Paul:**

- **Two years in Rome in prison**
- **Released for a while & traveled**
- **Re-arrested**
- **Everyone was nervous**

**2 Timothy 4:16** At my first answer **no man** stood with me, **but all** men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. **2 Timothy 4:17** Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. **2**

**Timothy 4:18** And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.