

Questions for Consideration-- With the Master Holding Fast to the Truth—Lesson 6—
2 Timothy 1:15-18—What Will you be Remembered for—A Disciple or a Defector?

1. (a) Read 2 Timothy 1:15-18. What are the contrasts between the two men mentioned in verse 15 and the one man mentioned in verses 16-18? (b) Why do you think Paul wants God to have mercy on Onesiphorus on that day? (See verses 16-18)

2. Memorize 2 Timothy 1:16.

3. (a) Paul mentions in 2 Timothy 1:16 Onesiphorus often refreshed him. (This would be ministering to him during his sufferings.) Read the following passages and answer the questions who is being refreshed, who is refreshing them and what are the circumstances? Exodus 17:8-16; I Samuel 25:4-35; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Jeremiah 38:1-13; Matthew 4:1-11; Matthew 27:27-32. (b) What are some principles you can glean for your own life?

4. (a) Who else in Scripture defected from the faith and what do you learn from their example? Endeavor to list at least 2 examples. (b) What are the best ways to make sure we are making our calling and election sure according to 2 Peter 1:3-11?

5. (a) Paul mentions to Timothy that Onesiphorus ministered to him at Ephesus in 2 Timothy 1:18. Read Acts 19:23-41 to discover what could have been the circumstances surrounding this. (b) In what ways could have Onesiphorus ministered to Paul at this time?

6. (a) Share a time in your life when someone refreshed you during a trying time. (b) Who are those whom you encourage in the ministry and how do you refresh them? (c) In what ways have others refreshed you and how has it been an encouragement to you? Make it your goal each day to be an encouragement to at least one person (Be an Onesiphorus).

7. After meditating on this lesson, how can you be a better encouragement to others? Write your thoughts in a prayer request. (And remember to be a doer of the Word and not just a hearer!)