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*“Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica.”*

2 Timothy 4:10

## **Love of the World**

Demas had traveled with Paul on many of his missionary trips (he is mentioned in the Colossians letter [4:14] and the letter to Philemon [1:24]).

The love of the present world had more appeal to him than to continue enduring the trials as Paul’s helper. (Paul was now under arrest in Rome with no hope of being released.) “Deserted me” is the last comment concerning Demas. What a sad comment.

### **DESERTION**

Be careful not to let the love of the world, or trials, or tough times, or the untimely death of a love one, or wanting to do something the Scriptures prohibit, cause you to question your dedication to Christ. Don’t let such questioning lead to desertion.

It’s even worse for a child of God to desert for some trivial reason, such as “too hard,” or “too far to travel to church,” or “can’t stand the preacher,” or “[FILL IN THE BLANK].”

### **A STERN WARNING**

*Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

1 John 2:15

*“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul.”*

Matthew 16:26

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