
Friend or Foe?

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Examples of the Kinds of People Faced in Ministry

Example #1: Lovers of the World

'for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me....'

2 Timothy 4:10

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has

*and does—comes not from
the Father but from the
world. The world and its
desires pass away, but the
man who does the will of
God lives forever.*

1 John 2:15-17

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Example #2: The Faithful

*Crescens has gone to Galatia, and
Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with
me.*

2 Timothy 4:10-11

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Example #3: The Restored

*'Get Mark and bring him with you,
because he is helpful to me in my
ministry.'*

2 Timothy 4:11

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Example #4: The Opposition

Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

2 Timothy 4:14-15

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Example #5: The Deserters

At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them.

2 Timothy 4:16

Main Truth:
The Lord Is Faithful

*But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever.
Amen.*

2 Timothy 4:17-18

4 Truths To Take Home

- 1) *God is always faithful*
- 2) *People will fail you*
- 3) *People's failures should not impact your trust in God*
- 4) *Ministry requires you to trust in and work with - people*

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