

Luke & Demas: Two Disciples – Two Directions

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REVIEW

The Arriving Correspondents

- Tychicus – the “Go To” Man
- Onesimus – from unprofitable slave to profitable and beloved brother

The Greeting Brothers

- Those of the circumcision
 - Aristarchus – fellow prisoner
 - Mark – back to serving
 - Jesus (called Justus)
- Epaphras – one of you who agonizes in prayer for you

1. Luke (“light-giving”) – Faithful Servant

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2 Tim 4:11 Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.
Λουκᾶς ἔστιν ὁ μόνος μετ’ ἐμοῦ. Μάρκον ἀναλαβὼν ἄγε μετὰ σεαυτοῦ, ἔστιν γὰρ μοι εὐχρηστος εἰς διακονίαν.

a. Luke Chose the Eternal

b. Luke Focused on Others

c. Luke Sacrificed Prestige and Pleasure

d. Luke Stayed the Course

e. Luke Suffered the Difficult

2. Demas (“popular, a rabble”) – Forsaking Servant

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2 Tim 4:10 for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica -- Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.

Δημᾶς γὰρ με ἐγκατέλιπεν ἀγαπήσας τὸν νῦν αἰῶνα καὶ ἐπορεύθη εἰς Θεσσαλονίκην, Κρήσκησ εἰς Γαλατίαν, Τίτος εἰς Δαλματίαν.

a. Demas Chose the Temporal (“having loved this present world”)

Some Characteristics of this “Age” (“the now age”)

- This age has its own ungodly wisdom (1 Cor 2:6)
- This age has its own god (2 Cor 4:4)
- This age is characteristically evil (Gal 1:4)
- This age its own course of conduct (Eph 2:2)

b. Demas Focused on Himself

- What I am missing?
- What I am deserving?
- What I am wanting?

c. Demas Forsook His Charge (Purpose)

d. Demas Departed His Post (Place)

e. Required Others to React (2 Tim 4:9)

3. How to Be a Luke and Not a Demas

a. Know God’s Plan to Deliver Us From This Evil Age (Gal 1:4)

b. Be Rejecting the Influence of this Age (Rom 12:2a)

c. Be Renewing Your Mind to Know the Will of God (Rom 12:2b)

d. Be Denying Ungodliness and Worldly Lusts (Titus 2:12a)

e. Be Living Soberly, Righteously, and Godly (Titus 2:12b)