

Series Title:

“Passing the Torch of Truth”
(An Exposition of the Book of II Timothy)

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Sermon Title:

“The Ministry of Refreshment”

Sermon Text:

II Timothy 1:15-18

Introduction:

- Here Paul appeals to *the power of human example* by presenting both a negative and positive incentive:

I. An Example Of _____ Men (1:15)

- What does the word translated “*aware*” mean?
- Paul’s reference to “*Asia*” is not a reference to the continent of Asia but it refers to the Roman province of _____ or what is modern day _____.

- ***II Timothy 4:4; Titus 1:14***

“No doubt far more people had turned away from Paul than hadn’t! And that’s what makes this one of the saddest verses in the New Testament.”

- ***Hermogenes and Phygelus go down in history branded as _____!***
- What a terrible thing to have your name recorded in God’s Word as an example of _____!

II. An Example Of A _____ Man (1:16-18)

- Onesiphorus’ name means “_____ - bringer,” or “_____ -bearing.”
- ***The first part of verse 16 is exactly what it sounds like; it’s a _____ for the family of Onesiphorus.***
- The phrase “***grant mercy***” means a granting based on a decision of the _____ of the _____ and not on any _____ of the _____.
- ***Matthew 5:7***
- The Greek word for “***house***” means a home, but in the present context is used metaphorically for the _____ or _____.
- What was it that Onesiphorus did that was so special to Paul and that in turn would illicit such a prayer on his behalf? ***Three things:***

1) ***He was unwavering in his _____!***

(v. 16)

- The root of the Greek word “refreshed” means “to make _____” or “to _____.” It is the word for _____. ***This was nothing less than “_____ - _____!”***

“Onesiphorus was like a breath of fresh air to Paul!”

- ***Proverbs 17:17***
- The word “***often***” conveys a vivid picture of Onesiphorus’ _____ ministry to Paul
- ***It was Onesiphorus’ _____ to look for ways to refresh others!***

2) ***He was unwavering in his _____!*** (v. 16)

- The word translated “***not***” is the strongest Greek negative, and it expresses _____ and _____ refusal. The point is that Onesiphorus was _____ ashamed!

“The unashamedness of Onesiphorus is seen in the fact that he was not reluctant to seek and support Paul in his distress because of fear or shame or suffering.”

3) ***He was unwavering in his _____!*** (v. 17)

- What does the word translated “***eagerly***” mean?
- **Paul’s use of the word “searched” indicates at least two things:** 1) that the prison where Paul was being held was _____; 2) that Onesiphorus’ search for Paul was not an afterthought but his _____.

“If we are only faithful when it comes easily, we aren’t very faithful!”

- ***Matthew 25:36; Hebrews 10:34; 13:3***

Conclusion:

In one sentence the Bible writes the biographies of Phygelus and Hermogenes, and in another sentence the Bible writes the biography of Onesiphorus – **How will our biographies read?**