

# *II Timothy*

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14 Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. 15 You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

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**Demas was part of Paul's 'fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus', 'fellow workers'. Inner circle!**

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**He loved this world (age)! I wonder how he feels about that now?? What a warning ...**

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**He tries to thwart God's plan and God's people anyway he can. He sows discouragement!**

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**Dr. Luke was still with Paul. And Mark, previously estranged, has been restored to Paul!**

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**He sent Tychicus, a faithful friend, to assist at Ephesus. They were under severe attack.**

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**His faith shipwrecked, he blasphemed, vigorously opposed our teaching, much harm/Paul.**

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**Yes! It's happening all the time. By their fruits you shall know them. It often takes time!**