**Demas**

READ: 2 Timothy 4:6-10

1. What do we learn about Demas from Colossians 4:14?
2. What do we learn about Demas from Philemon 1:23-24?
3. From your research, approximately when were each of the following letters written by Paul?

Colossians was written approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A.D.

Philemon was written approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A.D.

2 Timothy was written approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A.D.

1. According to John 3:3, what did Jesus say one had to do to see the kingdom of God?
2. If Demas heard and obeyed the gospel while Paul was on his second missionary journey, then when was Demas “born” again?
3. When did Demas “die spiritually” as indicated by Paul because he “loved the present world”? (Hint: When was 2 Timothy written?)
4. About what do the following passages warn? What conclusions can we draw about Demas if he abandoned the faith?

James 4:4 –

 1 John 2:15 –

1. What three primary enticements exist in the world, according to 1 John 2:16?
2. If, as most scholars agree, Demas abandoned the faith, what impact do you think his action had on the following?

The early church –

The apostle Paul (Philippians 3:18) –

His own eternal future (Matthew 16:26) –

1. What lessons can we learn from Demas?
2. What might be some of the warning signs that a disciple is in danger of going back into the world?
3. How would you assess your spiritual health? Are you growing stronger? Or are you growing weaker?