

ONESIPHORUS- HE OFT REFRESHED ME

2 Tim 1:15-18

Romans _____ to Christians.

Thousands of Christians being _____.

Paul's fellow Christians not anxious to openly _____ with him.
killed.

Paul facing impending _____.

2 Timothy 1:15 Timothy: Apostle's representative in _____

Asia: Proconsular Asia

Turned away from me: _____, repudiated, abandoned, bailed out, split the scene.

Possibly _____ reason

Probably couldn't handle threat of _____.

Phygellus and Hermogenes. Outspoken men.

Ringleaders of _____.

2 Timothy 1:16 Onesiphorus: A bringer of _____

Business man/householder of Iconium--showed _____ to Paul.

Wife: Lectra.

Refreshed: to cool again, cool off, cause to breath more _____.

By friendship, _____, fellowship, presence.

By bringing _____ concerning churches and individuals.

By bringing food, drink, _____.

There are certain people you love to be around--_____ when with them

Opposite. Certain people when around them seem to depress and drain you.

Ie. Gordon MacDonald, *Restoring Your Spiritual Passion*, ... *there were those who constantly caused me to reach for higher plateaus of growth, while there were others who left me, as it were, grasping for air. The former I pursued, the latter I fled....*

People that affect one's spiritual passion:

1. VRP's Very _____ people.

_____ passion.

_____ contribution

2. VIP's. Very _____ people.

_____ passion.

_____ contribution

They sense our hurts and needs, delight in our successes and weep with us when we are disappointed. They offer us constructive criticism.

3. VTP's Very _____ people.

_____ passion.

_____ contribution

4. VNP's Very _____ people.
_____ passion.
_____ contribution

5. VDP's. Very _____ people.
_____ passion.
_____ contribution

VDP's _____ become VTP's...VIP's...VRP's.

I have watched many lay people quit responsibilities and even become embittered over church activity, because no one taught them how to protect themselves from very draining people.

... **and was not ashamed of my chain:** Onesiphorus not _____ from visiting Paul in prison.

Not a Meriwether friend

Mercy: _____, grace in action

May they experience God's favor and power and strength to do what is right because of the actions of Onesiphorus.

2 Timothy 1:17 Onesiphorus had _____ time finding Paul.

✚ Never been in Rome

✚ _____ in city.

✚ Christians not know of whereabouts of Paul.

✚ Number of Christians _____.

When there's a will then there's a way.

When really care about someone obstacles become stepping stones.

Excuse: skin of a reason stuffed with a _____.

2 Timothy 1:18 *That day:* Judgment Seat of Christ. Matthew 25:34 -36

...*ministered unto me at Ephesus...*

Onesiphorus had _____ track record.

So What?

Onesiphorus

1. Stood for God's man. Will you?
2. Diligently sought for Paul. took time and effort to help...relentless. Do you?
3. He was noticed: God notices shirkers and supporters. Which are you?
Negative: *Phygellus and Hermogenes.*
Positive: *Onesiphorus.*
4. He ministered consistently. Do you?
5. He was an encourager. VRP...Are you?

When people sit back and think reminisce about the good ole days... people who have been a blessing to them.... Curse to them.... **How do they think of you?**