

Be a Blessing Because Fault-Finding is Too Easy
2 Timothy 1:15-18

Fault-finding and desertion are _____ in Christ's church.

Like Christ, Paul was _____ in the midst of his _____ distresses.
2 Timothy 1:15; Matthew 5:42

The two men mentioned by Paul serve as examples of _____.
2 Timothy 1:15

Like Christ's disciples, these two men were _____ to be _____ with Paul in his arrest.
2 Timothy 4:16; Matthew 26:56

Paul had previously _____ Timothy not to be _____ of Him.
2 Timothy 1:8

Paul was not ashamed to suffer alone for Christ who suffered alone, but they were _____ alone.
2 Timothy 1:12; 4:17; John 16:32

Go out of your way to be an _____ to godly pastors.

Godly pastors are willing to stand alone but _____ the encouragement of those they serve.
2 Timothy 1:16

God _____ those who encourage and strengthen godly pastors and is _____ of their true relationship to Jesus Christ.
2 Timothy 1:16, 18; Matthew 5:7; 25:36

God's blessing is on those who develop the _____ of _____ godly pastors.

Onesiphorus went _____ to be a blessing to Paul.

2 Timothy 1:17, 18

_____ had the reputation of refreshing fellow Christians in their times of trouble.

Philemon 7; 1 Corinthians 16:17–18

What is the _____ that drives this kind of encouragement ministry?

- 1. The _____ of God through _____.**
1 John 4:9-11
- 2. _____ for those who _____ you to Christ for salvation.**
Philemon 10; 1 Corinthians 4:14–15
- 3. Love for those who _____ the Word so that Christ is _____ in you.**
Galatians 4:19; 1 Thessalonians 2:11–12
- 4. The _____ of God's Kingdom.**
Acts 2:42-47
- 5. As an expression of _____ for God's _____ to His church, for the spiritual growth of His people.**
Ephesians 4:11-16

Those who help Christians without expecting any earthly reward will receive a better reward than any they could receive from human hands...For the person who is merciful to his neighbors will receive mercy from God, and we would be foolish not to realize that this is meant to stimulate us to show kindness. It also follows from this that God does not reward us according to our merits, but his most wonderful reward is when he pardons us and shows himself not to be a severe judge but a kind and indulgent Father.

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