

Chapter 13

Preventative Care: A Case Study

Read Philemon 1:24, Colossians 4:14, 2 Timothy 4:9

Scholars believe that Philemon and Colossians were both written around 60 A.D. Scholars date 2 Timothy around 64 A.D. Demas went from being one of Paul's "fellow workers" to "deserting" him. What do you think might have happened to Demas over those 4 years? What clue does Paul give us?

Share an example of someone that you have known who "walked away" from their faith. What happened and why?

How does loving the world compromise our walk with Christ? Do you think American Christians have a harder time with this than others around the world?

Read 1 John 2:15 - 17. What does John mean when he says "do not love the world?" In what ways are you guilty of loving the world?

How do we guard ourselves from loving the world? Is it possible to love the world and still experience the abundant life that is described in John 10? Why or why not?

What changes do you need to make in your life to avoid the fate of Demas?