



WEST SIDE WINDOW

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A COSTLY LOVE AFFAIR By Gene Taylor

“For Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world...” (2 Tim. 4:10). The above text, 2 Tim. 4:10, is the third and final mention of Demas in Scripture. In Colossians 4:14 he is listed as one sending greetings to the church at Colossae. In Philemon 24 he is named as a fellow-worker of Paul. In 2 Timothy 4, though, he is identified as a deserter from the Lord’s work because he “loved this present world.”

We are not told whether his love for the world was centered on any one thing. We are told only that he loved it and what that love for the world caused him to do. Of course, Christians are commanded not to love the world (1 John 2:15-17). Sadly, though, many today are like Demas and set their affections on it and its allurements with no regard for what it will cost them.

We often speak of “costly love affairs” whether in fiction or real life because those affairs cause homes to be broken, children to suffer, reputations to be ruined, wealth to be sacrificed, etc. Yet, none has ever been costlier than the love affairs Demas and others like him have had with the world. Consider some of the costly consequences of his affairs.

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

Loving the world carries the highest price one can pay for anything: to be as the Gentiles of old, without God and without hope (Eph. 2:12). Continued fellowship with God requires walking with Him, in accordance with His will (John 1:5-7).

Friendship with the world makes one an enemy of God (Jas. 4:4). 1 John 2:15 states that anyone who loves the world does not have the love of the Father in him.

The one who claims to be a Christian, believing he is still in God’s favor, but who flirts with the world is only deceiving himself. He must be made to realize the great cost of unfaithfulness—his soul. (Matt. 16:26).

GREAT HARM TO THE CAUSE OF CHRIST

In addition to hurting himself, Demas did great damage to the cause of Christ. In abandoning it, he deprived it of a devoted worker and robbed it of all the good he might have accomplished had he remained faithful. We can only wonder how many lives he could have helped if he had stayed loyal to the Lord. He wasted his knowledge and abilities.

There is also the matter of influence. Others, most likely, became disheartened and discouraged by his example. He was probably a discouragement to his family and friends for no one can do as he did without encouraging others to do the same (Prov. 1:10-15).

Like every willful sinner, he crucified the Son of God anew and put Him to an open shame (Heb. 6:4-6; 10:29).

GREAT HURT TO THE WORLD

The actions of Demas robbed the world of the flavor of righteousness imparted unto it by godly living. It snuffed out another desperately needed light in a sin-darkened world (Phil. 2:15). It deprived the world of the good example of one who lives and teaches the truth.

Someone has rightly said, “Every ‘Demas’ who leaves the truth makes it a little more difficult for some ‘Cornelius’ to learn the truth or some ‘Timothy’ to be reared in it.”

Demas’ love affair with this world was certainly costly. Most tragically, if there was no repentance on his part, it cost him his soul (Matt. 16:26). Doing as he did, hurts all and profits no one. Do not make the mistake of Demas. Do not love this present world.

SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study — 9:30 am
Worship — 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study — 7:00 pm

MINISTER

Larry G. Reynolds

ELDERS

Mike Haviland
Brian Huffman
Larry G. Reynolds
Herb Smith
Larry Taylor
George Welker

DEACONS

Don Allison, Youth
Bill Gaw, Building & Grounds
Jerry Hoyt, Bible Corresp. & Upon The Rock
Lowell Huffman, Benevolence
Volker Jaromin, Building & Grounds
Danny Odle, Building & Grounds
Dwayne Odle, Seminar & Missions
Gary Reynolds, Fellowship
Todd Stults, Education and Asst. Finance
Jim Witty, Finance & Upon The Rock

MISSION WORKS

Cochran, Georgia
Willie Smith
South Central Church of Christ
Robert Ray
Tanzania, Africa
Christopher Mwakabanje plus two preaching school students
Memphis School Of Preaching
David Birdsall
Brandyn Graves

Kids Bible Wordsearch

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

People in the book of Acts Puzzle #4

Acts Chapter 1:1-12

W	I	B	Y	P	H	I	L	I	P	S	M	B
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M	A	T	T	H	E	W	E	R	D	N	A	I
O	S	D	A	V	I	D	D	N	L	N	S	O
L	W	J	Q	S	N	L	E	U	M	A	S	B
O	C	O	S	A	I	H	T	T	A	M	A	S
H	U	S	X	H	R	A	U	C	A	R	I	E
T	H	E	O	P	H	I	L	U	S	X	N	S
R	L	P	Z	A	M	A	H	A	R	B	A	O
A	H	H	Y	I	Q	A	B	P	F	O	N	J
B	A	R	N	A	B	A	S	K	P	C	A	O
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M	M	J	E	S	U	S	E	M	A	J	S	N



JOHN
JOSEPH
JOSES
MARY
MATTHEW
MATTHIAS
PHILIP
PILATE
SAMUEL
SAPPHIRA
THEOPHILUS
THOMAS

ABRAHAM
ALEXANDER
ANANIAS
ANDREW
ANNAS
BARSABAS
CAIAPHAS
DAVID
ISAAC
JACOB
JAMES
JESUS

BARTHOLOMEW
BARNABAS

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“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12.

WORSHIP FOR JANUARY 11

MORNING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Gary Reynolds
 Opening Prayer: Sam Arnold
 Scripture Reading: Gunnar Taylor
 (John 13:1-17)
 Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
 Sermon Topic: "Serving The Master"
 Announcements: Brian Huffman
 Closing Prayer: John Schock

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side: Blade Taylor & Jerry Hoyt
 East Side: Volker Jaromin & Nick Qualkenbush

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Don Allison
 Opening Prayer: Don Gaw
 Scripture Reading: Bill Thornburg
 (John 14:5-6)
 Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
 Sermon Topic: "We Speak The Truth In Love"
 Communion Table: Mark Stewart
 Closing Prayer: Kendall Clark

PULPIT PREVIEW FOR JANUARY 18, 2008

AM: "There Is Freedom, Peace And
 Grace" (Ephesians 2:7-10)
 PM: "I Will See You In The Morning"
 (James 4:13-17)

JANUARY

GREETERS:

East Door: Richard & Janet Messer
Front Door + Ushers: Forrest Hurst & Jay
 Kellow

COMMUNION:

Prep: Lowell & Charlene Huffman
Clean-up: Genny Stults, Sue Davis, Donna
 Qualkenbush

BUILDING CLEANING: Mike & Debbie,
 John & Shawna, Teresa Cox

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Angie Akins
Kris Briant, Lola's daughter
Angie Dick, Julie's sister
Steve Gasaway
Jack Knotts. Send encouragement to his home at
 252 Pisgah Pk.; Pulaski, TN 38478
Sherry Lance, Ginger's friend
Norma Norris, Grant's grandmother
Gail Parker
Nora Lee Robbins, Gail Parker's mother
Mark Stewart's dad
George Welker
Darrel White, Judy's brother
Jerry Wilhoite, Betty Smith's brother-in-law
David Witty
Everett & Ann Witty

Shut-Ins

Virginia Ashley - Westminster
Juanita Broderick - The Woodlands
Charles Henley - Muncie Health and
 Rehabilitation Center
Twyla Monroe - The Woodlands
Mary Norris - The Woodlands

Away in the Military

Brian Noonkester - Germany
Justin Spence-Iraq

Sympathy

Freda's sister-in-law, Frances Franklin passed De-
 cember 31. Please remember their family in your
 prayers.
 Kristy Fields has two friends who recently lost loved
 ones. Her friends names are **Amy Simpson and Amy**
Hines. Please remember these families in your
 prayers.

DAVID WITTY NEEDS HELP

David is in need of a kidney. He is type O nega-
 tive blood.

NEWS AND NOTES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jan 12, 14 & 16—Ladies exercise at 9
 AM.

Jan 13—Men's fellowship breakfast at
 IHOP at 8 AM.

Jan 14—Make plans to join us for fel-
 lowship and pizza at 5:30.

Jan 18—Elders and deacons will meet
 at 4:30.

Feb 1—Elders meet at 4:30.

Feb 15—Elders and deacons meet at
 4:30.

Feb 22—Carry-in lunch with early eve-
 ning services at 1:30.

2009 DIRECTORY

If there are not any changes to you
 or your family's information please
 initial beside your name in the di-
 rectory (near the "News and Notes"
 bulletin board) OR make any
 changes. If your information does
 not appear in the directory please
 fill out a form.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 4, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	84
Sunday Worship am	114
Sunday Worship pm	85
Wednesday Bible Study	73

A THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for your kindness and
 sympathy at a time when it was
 deeply appreciated.
 In Christian Love,
 Chris Johnson

GOD'S DYNAMITE

In 1864, a nitroglycerine factory belonging to Dr. Alfred No-
 bel exploded, killing his brother Emil. In an attempt to make his
 factories safer, Dr. Nobel stumbled upon an invention that
 would allow nitroglycerine to be used for explosive purposes in
 a controlled setting. In searching for the word to describe this
 new discovery, he settled upon the Greek word dunamis, which
 when transliterated into English became know as dynamite. In
 Romans 1:16 the Bible uses this same term to refer to the gos-
 pel of Christ. There it is said that the "gospel is God's power
 (dunamis) unto salvation."

Truly the gospel is very powerful. It is the means by which
 people come to know what Jesus did for them at Calvary. It is
 the source for learning about spiritual freedom (John 8:32). By
 this powerful gospel, hearts that are hardened by sin can be
 touched and caused to repent (Acts 2:37-41). The explosive
 power of God's word will restore harmony to homes and bring
 peace to our communities (Romans 1:15). It can transform lives
 and save souls (James 1:21). God's dynamite gives wisdom,
 reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness (2 Timothy
 3:15-17). It will cause a sinner to leave his house in the dark of
 night to be baptized (Acts 16:25-33). Indeed, the powerful gos-
 pel will fill us with hope, courage, and conviction (Acts 20:32).

By **John W. Moore**,
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DAVID BIRDSALL WRITES...

Dear Brethren

The holiday season is come and gone and the start of a new
 year. I hope the holidays were safe and enjoyable for all. The
 final three weeks of school for me is here, and the search for
 a place to preach continues. Please keep me in your prayers. I
 know the Lord will provide the way. My grades for last quar-
 ter are Genesis-B+, Bible Geography-B, Life of Christ-A+,
 Exodus and Leviticus-B+, English Grammar-A+, Preacher
 and His Work-A. As my time at the Memphis School of
 Preaching comes to a close I would once again like to thank
 you for your prayers , well wishes, and your financial sup-
 port. May God continue to bless you and keep you. Thank
 you again. I have received your support for January.
 In His Service,
 David Birdsall

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 website at
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