

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## Second Timothy Bible Study — II Timothy 4:8-22 Lesson #12

**\*\*INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Second Timothy before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

- 8 Finally, there is laid up for me **the CROWN of RIGHTEOUSNESS**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.
- **James 1:12** “Blessed is the man who endures temptation (suffering); for when he has been \_\_\_\_\_, he will receive the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ which the Lord has promised to those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him.”

**Definition: “He will RECEIVE the CROWN of LIFE”** – This is NOT talking about the gift of eternal life. **We do NOT EARN our salvation/eternal life by going through trials and sufferings.** This is talking about **receiving REWARDS when we get to heaven** (see I Corinthians 3:10-16). Jesus said we should lay up for ourselves treasure in heaven, and these **different types of crowns seem to be part of that heavenly treasure and reward** (Matthew 6:19-21).

- **Revelation 3:11** “Behold, I come \_\_\_\_\_! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your \_\_\_\_\_.”
- **Revelation 4:4** “Around the \_\_\_\_\_ were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white \_\_\_\_\_; and they had \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ on their heads.”
- **Revelation 4:9-10** “Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the \_\_\_\_\_, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and \_\_\_\_\_ Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their \_\_\_\_\_ before the throne.....”

**Definition: “The CROWN of RIGHTEOUSNESS”** – There are several kinds of crowns mentioned in the New Testament, and it seems, from what Paul is saying here, that this crown is awarded to **those who are faithfully and lovingly waiting for Jesus’ return and His “appearing” in the Last Days.** In I Peter 5:2-4, that is a crown awarded to faithful pastors (“shepherds”) of churches, who have served and led their congregations with the right motives.

- **I Peter 5:2-4** “\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God which is among you, serving as overseers (pastors), not by constraint (being forced) but \_\_\_\_\_, not for dishonest gain but \_\_\_\_\_; not as being lords over those \_\_\_\_\_ to you, but being \_\_\_\_\_ to the flock; and when the chief \_\_\_\_\_, you will receive the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ that does not fade away.”

- 9-11 Be diligent to come to me quickly; for **Demas has FORSAKEN me, having LOVED this present WORLD**, and has departed for Thessalonica – Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia. **Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is USEFUL to me for MINISTRY.**
- **Colossians 4:10** “Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with \_\_\_\_\_ the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he \_\_\_\_\_ to you, \_\_\_\_\_ him).”
  - **Acts 12:12** “So, when he had considered this, he came to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Mary, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ whose surname was \_\_\_\_\_, where many were gathered together praying.”

**Definition: “Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is USEFUL to me for MINISTRY”** – It’s very

interesting, and also encouraging, to follow the story of Mark (also called Marcus or John Mark) through the New Testament. **It is a story of one who was a FAILURE and yet later made up for it, and did WELL in serving God.** Mark was a very young man who made a mistake early on in his ministry with the Apostle Paul. **He had ABANDONED Paul and Barnabas on one of their missionary trips, and had just wanted to go back home.** Paul was not willing to give him a second chance at that time, but Barnabas was. Paul and Barnabas even got into an argument over Mark, and split up what had been their ministry together. Barnabas took Mark on several missionary trips with himself, and we see how Mark matured and grew in his faith, and overcame his earlier mistake. **Later, Paul mentions Mark as being “useful to me for the ministry”**, so obviously Paul had forgiven him by then. Mark later wrote the gospel of Mark, probably with the help of Peter.

•**Acts 12:25** “And \_\_\_\_\_ and Saul (Paul) returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ John whose surname was \_\_\_\_\_.”

•**Acts 15:36-40** “Then after some days \_\_\_\_\_ said to \_\_\_\_\_, ‘Let us now go back and \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing.’ Now \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ to take with them John called \_\_\_\_\_. But Paul \_\_\_\_\_ that they should \_\_\_\_\_ take with them the \_\_\_\_\_ who had \_\_\_\_\_ from them in Pamphylia, and had \_\_\_\_\_ gone with them to the work. Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so \_\_\_\_\_ took \_\_\_\_\_ and sailed to Cyprus; but \_\_\_\_\_ chose \_\_\_\_\_ and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God.”

**Definition: “Demas has FORSAKEN me, having LOVED this present WORLD”** – Demas is another young man who helped Paul on his missionary trips, but later abandoned Paul, as it says he “loved this present world” (and possibly out of fear). Paul says here, **“Only Luke is with me.”**

•**Colossians 4:14-15** “\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ physician and \_\_\_\_\_ greet you. Greet the brethren who are in Laodicia, and Nymphas and the \_\_\_\_\_ that is in his \_\_\_\_\_.”

•**Philemon 23-24** “Epaphras, my \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus, greets you, as do \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, my fellow \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “LUKE the BELOVED PHYSICIAN”** – History tells us that **Luke was a physician (medical doctor)**, which of course is not anything like a medical doctor today, but he was learned in the medical science of his day. **Luke was the writer of the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts.** Possibly because of being a doctor, he was interested in details, and he included details in his books that the other gospel writers did not. He was also the traveling companion of Paul, as Paul mentions him in several of his letters. Remember, whether it is Mark writing the Gospel of Mark, or Luke writing Luke and Acts, they wrote them by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (see II Peter 1:20-21).

12-15 And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come – and the books, especially the parchments. **Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the LORD REPAY him according to his WORKS.** You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words.

•**Revelation 20:11-15** “Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the \_\_\_\_\_, small and great, standing before God, and \_\_\_\_\_ were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ according to their \_\_\_\_\_, by the \_\_\_\_\_ which were

\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_. The sea gave up the dead [*bodies*] who were in it, and Death (the grave) and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were \_\_\_\_\_, each one \_\_\_\_\_ to his \_\_\_\_\_. Then death and Hades were \_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. This is the second death. And anyone who was \_\_\_\_\_ found written in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ was cast (thrown) into the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "May the LORD REPAY him according to his WORKS"** – Whether in Paul's day or our day, we are NOT to take revenge on those who attack us and persecute us, but we are to **let GOD decide what is appropriate for their punishment**. If these persecutors never repent and come to Christ, they will receive **the ultimate punishment of eternal HELL**. However, God does reach some of these people who were at one time enemies of the gospel, and they do come to Christ, **Paul being an example of one of them himself**.

• **I Corinthians 15:9** "For I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of the apostles, who am not \_\_\_\_\_ to be called an apostle, because I \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

• **Acts 22:4-5** "I \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, binding and delivering into \_\_\_\_\_ both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, as also the high priest bears me witness, and all the council of the elders, from whom I also received \_\_\_\_\_ to the brethren (fellow Jews), and went to Damascus to \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ even those who were there to Jerusalem to be \_\_\_\_\_."

• **I Timothy 1:12-13** "And I thank Christ \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the \_\_\_\_\_, although I was \_\_\_\_\_ a blasphemer, a \_\_\_\_\_, and an insolent man; but I obtained \_\_\_\_\_ because I did it \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_."

• **Acts 9:1-5** "Then Saul, still breathing \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the \_\_\_\_\_, whether \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, he might bring them \_\_\_\_\_ to Jerusalem. And as he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a \_\_\_\_\_ shone around him from \_\_\_\_\_. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a \_\_\_\_\_ saying to him, '\_\_\_\_\_, Saul, why are you \_\_\_\_\_?' And he said, 'Who are You, \_\_\_\_\_?' And the Lord said, 'I am \_\_\_\_\_, whom you are \_\_\_\_\_. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'"

• **Romans 12:17-19** "\_\_\_\_\_ no one \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is \_\_\_\_\_, as much as depends on you, live \_\_\_\_\_ with all men. Beloved, do \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves, but rather give place to wrath (God's wrath); for it is written, 'Vengeance is \_\_\_\_\_, I will \_\_\_\_\_,' says the Lord."

16-18 At my first defense no one stood with me, but **ALL FORSOOK me**. **May it NOT be CHARGED against them**. But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. **And I was DELIVERED out of the MOUTH of the LION**. And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!

**Definition: "ALL FORSOOK me. May it NOT be CHARGED against them"** – As followers of Jesus, **we are commanded to FORGIVE those who hurt and/or abuse us**, as Stephen did when he was stoned to death - he asked God to NOT charge that sin against them.

• **Acts 7:59-60** "And they stoned \_\_\_\_\_ as he was calling on God and saying,

‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he knelt down and \_\_\_\_\_ out with a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not \_\_\_\_\_ them with this \_\_\_\_\_.’ And when he had said this, he fell asleep.”

**Definition: “And I was DELIVERED out of the MOUTH of the LION”** – This is a figure of speech, but it refers to Daniel in the lions den. Also, Christians were being put to death in the Roman arena, many times by releasing hungry lions to maul them and kill them.

•**Daniel 6:21-22** “Then Daniel said to the king, ‘O king, live forever! My \_\_\_\_\_ sent His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, so that they have not \_\_\_\_\_ me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.’”

19-22 **Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.** Erastus stayed in Corinth, but Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick. Do your utmost to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, as well as Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brethren. The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

•**Romans 16:3-4** “Greet \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, my \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, who \_\_\_\_\_ their own \_\_\_\_\_ for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gentiles.”

**Definition: “Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus”** – Prisca (also called Priscilla) and Aquila were fellow-laborers with Paul, and he also goes on to name others who have helped him or are faithful workers in the church there in Ephesus with Timothy.

•**Acts 18:2-3** “And he found a certain \_\_\_\_\_ named \_\_\_\_\_, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife \_\_\_\_\_ (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them. So, because he was of the same trade, he \_\_\_\_\_ with them and \_\_\_\_\_; for by occupation they were tentmakers.”

•**II Timothy 1:16-18** “The Lord grant mercy to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, for he often refreshed me, and was \_\_\_\_\_ ashamed of my \_\_\_\_\_; but when he arrived in Rome, he \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ very diligently and \_\_\_\_\_ me. The Lord grant to him that he may find \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ in that Day – and you know very well how \_\_\_\_\_ ways he \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ at Ephesus.”

•**Acts 18:18 & 26** “So \_\_\_\_\_ still remained a good while. Then he took leave of the brethren and sailed for Syria, and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were with him.” (Verse 26) “So he (Apollos) began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ more accurately.”

**Definition: “When he arrived in Rome, he SOUGHT me OUT very diligently and FOUND ME”** – Paul was not in a prison cell, but was under what we would call “house arrest.” So, anyone wanting to find the house where Paul was being kept would have to ask around until he found him. **Onesiphorus did NOT give up, but kept searching until he found Paul.**

•**Acts 28:30-31** “Then \_\_\_\_\_ dwelt \_\_\_\_\_ whole \_\_\_\_\_ in his own rented \_\_\_\_\_, and received all who came to him, \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God and \_\_\_\_\_ the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.”