

Understanding 1 & 2 Timothy
The High Value of Godly Friendships
2 Timothy 4:9-15

*Related Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 7:5-7; 2 Timothy 1:16-18; Philemon 24; Colossians 4:14
1 John 2:15-17*

Opening Thoughts:

Four ways Christ's love is displayed through godly friendships:

I. It is not _____ to be without friends: *Come to me!* (Vs. 9-10)

II. Friends are _____ for our spiritual growth: *Bring Mark to me!* (Vs. 11-12)

III. The Lord should be our _____ friend: *Bring me my parchments!* (Vs. 13)

V. The _____ is not our friend: *Be on guard!* (Vs. 14-15)

➤ **Point to Ponder**

1. Consider all the names mentioned in verses 9-15. Do you value godly friendships like Paul did? Do you thank God for your friends? Make them a priority?
2. Consider how Paul wanted his parchments which for him was his Bible. How much are you growing in your friendship or relationship with Jesus because of your time in His Word? Does it look any different this year than it did last year?