

# The Power of COURAGEOUS Example

2 Timothy 1:15-18 Chris Mueller 8-5-2018

Introduction:

15 **You are aware**<sup>RAI</sup> of the fact that  
all who are in Asia **turned away**<sup>API</sup> from me,  
among whom **are**<sup>PAI</sup> Phygelus and Hermogenes.  
16 The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus,  
for **he often refreshed**<sup>AAI</sup> me and **was not ashamed**<sup>API</sup> of my chains;  
17 but when **he was in Rome**<sup>yAMpart</sup>  
he eagerly **searched**<sup>AAI</sup> for me and **found**<sup>AAI</sup> me—  
18 the Lord grant to him to **find**<sup>AInf</sup> mercy from the Lord on that day—  
and **you know**<sup>AAI</sup> very well what **services he rendered**<sup>PAI</sup> at Ephesus.

## #1 The Negative Example of COWARDICE 15

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

1<sup>st</sup> A \_\_\_\_\_ of cowardly leaders 15a

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.

2<sup>nd</sup> A \_\_\_\_\_ of cowardly leaders 15b

John MacArthur Because Paul says nothing more to identify them, we can assume they were known to Timothy. And because he bothers to name them specifically out of the many others, it seems likely that they were well known in Asia, that they were close to Paul, and that they were leaders who had shown promise. They probably would have been the last ones to be suspected of cowardice, ingratitude, and being ashamed of Christ and of Paul.

16 The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains;  
17 but when he was in Rome, he eagerly searched for me and found me—  
18 the Lord grant to him to find mercy from the Lord on that day—and you know very well what services he rendered at Ephesus.

## #2 The Noble Example of COURAGE 16-18

1<sup>st</sup> A \_\_\_\_\_ example 16

2 Timothy 4:19 Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

ONE = *for he often refreshed me*

TWO = *and was not ashamed of my chains*

2<sup>nd</sup> A \_\_\_\_\_ example 17

Harry Ironside Evidently this man was what we would call today a traveling man. He moved about, possibly on business, or it may be in the work of the Lord he went from place to place. In the course of his travels, he came to Rome, while Paul was a prisoner there and SEARCHED for Paul.

3<sup>rd</sup> A \_\_\_\_\_ example 18

### TAKE HOME:

1=Ministers of mercy and diligent servants are \_\_\_\_\_ to the local church

1 Corinthians 12:22 On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary;

2=Genuine believers work at \_\_\_\_\_ other believers

Matthew 6:14 For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

3=Rewards are given to those who actually \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

4=Courage is required to become \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ

5=Being right with God means you have \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ

### Questions for Growth in Christ

1. Why is example so powerful and so needed by Christians?
2. Can you learn from a negative example as much as from a positive example? How are they different?
3. In what ways did those who turned away from Paul demonstrate cowardice?
4. In what ways did Onesiphorus demonstrate courage?
5. How do you demonstrate cowardice today in your walk with God?
6. How can you, your family and your church begin to demonstrate courage starting this week?
7. Who around you needs to see you model courage? What will you do to demonstrate a courageous heart this week?

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