

# **Lifetime Discipleship: What Wipes People Out**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. The basic question is what is right not who is right. God resists the proud.
- B. Text: II Timothy.
- C. Paul gives us seven men who failed. We can know in advance what the enemy is going to do so that we do not fail also.
- D. Paul finished because he decided to finish. (II Timothy 4:7)

## II. Men walked away because of fear. (II Timothy 1)

- A. They were ashamed and afraid of Paul, his message and his suffering.
- B. Paul's message had to do with the sufficiency of Jesus. (I Corinthians 1:17-2:5)
  - 1. People were embarrassed by this though.
  - 2. The ministry is not ashamed of the inerrancy of the Bible or the deity of Jesus Christ.
- C. If there is fear in your heart claim II Timothy 1:7 in your prayer. Counter your fear with the promise of a sound mind.

## III. Men walked away because of falsehood. (II Timothy 2)

- A. Men end up being a casualty by being a perversion of the truth.
- B. People get into false doctrine because they have a bad conscience.
- C. The key is to study the Word of God.

## IV. Men attacked the Bible because of the flesh. (II Timothy 3)

- A. Men do this to hide their own immorality.
- B. When you deal with the devil, you stand. When you deal with the flesh, you run.

## V. Men walked away because of fatigue. (II Timothy 4)

**Application questions:**

1. Memorize II Timothy 1:7 and write it below. How can this verse aid you in your spiritual walk?

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2. Why do we deal with the “flesh” and the devil differently? Explain.

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3. What is your system for getting into God’s Word? How can you challenge yourself in this area?

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