

Dealing with Difficult People

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 - ii. His _____: "according to his deeds"
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 - ii. A source of strong _____
 - 3.) Some _____: don't hold that against them (v. 16)
 - 4.) The Lord stood by and _____ (v. 17)
 - i. A larger _____
 - a.) Further the _____ message
 - b.) Proclaim it to the Gentiles
 - ii. A great miracle
 - b. Coming _____ from every evil deed (v. 18)
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 - 2.) Express confidence in the Lord
 - i. The Lord's _____ rescue

ii. To be brought into the Lord's _____
kingdom

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- a. Nine people named!
- b. The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

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 - a. In the midst of **opposition** (v. 14-17)
 - 1.) Alexander's great **harm** to Paul
 - i. His identity: "the coppersmith"
 - ii. His **reward**: "according to his deeds"
 - 2.) A **warning** to Timothy: "beware of him" (v. 15)
 - i. Still a threat
 - ii. A source of strong **opposition**
 - 3.) Some **deserted**: don't hold that against them (v. 16)
 - 4.) The Lord stood by and **strengthened** (v. 17)
 - i. A larger **purpose**
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Pastor's Note: In Paul's closing to his final letter to Timothy (2 Tim. 4:14-22), we find great encouragement in how to rely on the Lord's strength. We can identify with the inner struggle with betrayal and abandonment by people that Paul expresses. We hear the apparent conflict in a proper reaction to that before the Lord. It's a lesson in "Dealing with Difficult People."