

forsook me: [I pray God] that it may not be laid to their charge. (17) Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and [that] all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.”

A. At Paul’s first appearing before the court of Rome, he had no one appear with him or for him.

1. They all had “*something else*” to do!
2. *Physically*, Paul stood alone, but **NOT SPIRITUALLY!**

B. It may “*seem*” to us that we sometimes are alone, but this **IS NOT** true! God is **ALWAYS** with us!

#### **V. AND LASTLY, GOD SUPPLIES OUR VOCATIONAL NEEDS**

(18) “**And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve [me] unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom [be] glory for ever and ever. Amen.**”

A. What we need for **HIS MINISTRY**, He will supply!

1. We will not need any of our current need in Glory! We need them **NOW!**
2. Two **IMMEDIATE** needs are:
  - a. Sunday School Teachers that will *organize* their classes for visiting absentees and prospects for their classes.
  - b. Rework our facilities to properly meet the needs of the people God sends.

#### **“God’s Ability To Meet All The Needs In Life!” II Timothy 4:1-18**

Someone has said, “*God will supply what we need—Not what we want!*”

Let me disprove this with Scripture!

1. His supply for *our needs*:

**Philippians 4:19** (NIV) “**And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.**”

2. His supply for *our wants*:

**Psalms 23:1** (KJV) “**The LORD [is] my shepherd; I shall not want.**”

3. His supply for *our desires*:

**Psalms 37:4** (KJV) “**Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.**”

4. His supply for *all things*:

**Romans 8:32** (NIV) “**He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?**”

Beloved, God is a **NO LIMIT** God!

If we can *dream it*, God can *provide it!*

Now, let’s look at our text.

Paul’s life is about over (v6-8), and he has some final requests.

## I. GOD SUPPLIES OUR EMOTIONAL NEEDS

(9) **“Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:”**

A. Paul needed companionship with others

1. We are the same way! God supplies our need for our *“loneliness”*

2. Demas had forsaken him

(10) **“For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica;”**

a. Paul had sent Crescens to Galatia,

b. And Titus unto Dalmatia.

(11) **“Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.**

(12) **And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.”**

B. Paul needed *“Big Guns”* with him in his last days, people he could completely trust.

## II. GOD SUPPLIES OUR PHYSICAL AND MATERIAL NEEDS

(13) **“The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring [with thee], and the books, [but] especially the parchments.”**

A. Paul needed his body to be *“comforted.”* We can function better when we are comfortable physically.

1. We should **NEVER** hesitate to *ask and believe* God for comfort and the material needs of life!

Note the first four verses we looked at! (Text)

**“We have not because we ask not.”** (James 4:2)

**“Ask and you shall receive.”** (John 16:24)

C. So, if we are *“doing without,”* it’s not God’s fault or His will!

## III. GOD SUPPLIES NEEDS FOR OUR MORAL

(14) **“Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:**

(15) **Of whom be thou aware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.”**

A. The Devil *always* has someone that he can use to try and get us down!

1. But folks, they **ARE NOT** fighting against us, and we should do exactly as Paul did and turn them over to God!

B. This was my biggest problem when I first entered the ministry. I took everything personally.

1. When I finally realized it was God’s fight and not mine, I don’t have any problems anymore!

a. If you want to get a *preview* of the **WRATH OF GOD**, just cause me some problems and I’ll turn you over to God in a heartbeat!

## IV. GOD SUPPLIES OUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(16) **“At my first answer no man stood with me, but all [men]**