

## **Taking Care of the Place You Live**

“Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me.”

What? How could this fellow worker and friend of the great Apostle Paul just walk away from his love for Jesus? How could someone who preached the Gospel and frequently fellowshiped with Paul, love this present sinful world? How could he possibly turn away from the Jesus Who forgave his sins and baptized him into the Holy Spirit?

Demas failed to take care of the place he lived. No, I don't mean his house or apartment. I mean his mind, his thought life. We all live in a place humans call “mind.” Our bodies are mere vehicles that carry our mind here and there. Truly, what we think is where we live.

Scripture tells us to take care of the place we live by meditating on God's Word.

Read the Word, hear it preached and discussed. During your day purposefully recall passages of Scripture and think about them. This meditation on God's Word releases God's refreshing power in you. Strength, encouragement, joy and fearlessness control you.

Refuse to allow mean, hateful, lustful and ugly meditation into the place you live. Screen the ideas and desires that knock on the door of you mind. Say “no” to everything that contradicts His Word or upsets your spirit. As we take care of our thought life by comparing our mediation to His Word, we will enjoy living with ourselves, our words will bless people and God will be proud to call us His own.

*Scriptures referred to: 2 Timothy 4:10; Joshua 1:8*