



MEETING LIFE'S NECESSITIES

**2 Timothy 4:6-13;
Matthew 4:1-11**

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Thoughts to Ponder

Death's approach has a way of making it much easier to sort the essential from the trivial. Paul was doing just that as he sat in a prison in Rome awaiting the executioner's sword two thousand years ago.

1. "When you come, bring the cloak I left with Carpus in Troas."
(II Timothy 4:13) Winter was coming; Paul had physical needs.
 - a. Name some of the items you once thought you couldn't live without that are gathering dust now – what changed?
 - b. As death approaches, what will you deem to be your essential physical needs? Please explain.

2. "Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry." (II Timothy 4:11) Paul needed hope and encouragement; he included friends among life's necessities.
 - a. Describe the relationships you once valued that are now in shambles. Why do you no longer value them enough to seek restoration?
 - b. As death approaches, what will you deem to be your essential relationships? Please explain.

3. "Bring . . . my scrolls . . ." (II Timothy 4:13) Paul needed to be productive; he included work among life's necessities.
 - a. We all need to be doing something meaningful. Would you say that you're using your time constructively? Why or why not?
 - b. As death approaches, how might you spend your time differently? Please explain.

4. "Bring my scrolls, especially my parchments." (II Timothy 4:13) Immersing himself in God's Word was important to Paul.
 - a. What priority do you give to studying and pondering God's Word daily? If other things are more important, explain why.
 - b. As death approaches, how might your appreciation for God's Word change and be evidenced differently? Please explain.

