

TERRIBLE TIMES

2 Timothy 3:1-17

How to live for Jesus in an increasingly godless world

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What is Going On?
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LET'S GET STARTED

The Apostle Paul warned believers that the world will become more and more wicked as the time of the end approaches. In this message we will learn what to expect, and how to stay faithful to Christ, in the last days.

LET'S HEAR THE WORD

What are "the last days"?

The last days is the _____ of human history before Christ comes to establish God's Kingdom on earth.

The last days began after Jesus' resurrection and will end at His Second Coming.



Events of the Last Days

The _____ (Matthew 16:18)

The _____ of the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

The _____ (2 Thessalonians 2:3)

The _____ (Daniel 12:1)

Quotable

There is no doubt that these characteristics started to appear in Paul's day, and now they have increased in intensity. It is not simply that we have more people in the world, or better news coverage. It appears that evil is deeper and of greater intensity, and that it is being accepted and promoted by society in a bolder way. It is not that we have small pockets of rebellion here and there. All of society seems to be in ferment and rebellion.

—Warren Wiersbe

If you would like to know more

Last Days Survival Guide, by Rick Henner (Harrison House, 2020)

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Living In the Last Days (2 Timothy 3:1-17)

- Be _____ (vv. 1-9)

¹ But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. ⁶ They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, ⁷ always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth. ⁸ Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth—men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. ⁹ But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

- Follow _____ (vv. 10-13)

¹⁰ You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹ persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹² In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

- Trust the _____ (vv. 14-17)

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

LET'S LIVE IT

We can put today's truth into practice by living cautiously and courageously for Jesus by being bright lights in dark places, no matter what happens.

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