

Passing the Torch

"Perilous Times"

2 Timothy 3:1-9

Introduction

2 Timothy is Paul's final letter; he writes to Timothy, his young son, in the faith. Paul writes this letter from his prison cell in Rome. He knows that his time is short, and his death is imminent.

1. Paul identifies himself as "a prisoner of the _____."
2. Though facing death, Paul peers into the future, zealous for the ongoing proclamation of the _____.
3. In Chapter 3 verse 1 he writes, "But know this, that in the last days _____ times will come:"
4. Paul wants Timothy and succeeding generations to know that these perilous times would increase and _____ as the return of the Lord nears.

I. Perilous Times Require Discernment

5. Paul reveals that the perilous times of the last days will require great _____.
6. Paul describes the actions and attitudes of _____ people in the last days.
7. The word perilous conveys the idea of trouble, difficulty, and _____.
8. The "last days" began with the birth of the _____ on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2.

9. Paul says the end-time generation will be identified by what they _____.
10. Obsession with the "love of _____" is the basic sin from which all others flow.
11. Lovers of money are those who are _____ with money.
12. Paul told Timothy in his first letter, "The love of money is a root of all _____."

II. Avoid Becoming Self-Absorbed

13. A selfish person is naturally _____ and loves to talk about themselves.
14. The _____ person believes they belong in a class far above everyone else.
15. Blasphemers are _____ and insubordinate people.
16. The word blaspheme means to speak evil of anyone or to injure by words; to blame _____.
17. During the end-times _____ parenting will produce defiant children who will usurp the authority of the household.
18. A characteristic of end-time people is their unthankful, unholy, unloving, and _____ nature.
19. The unholy have no fear of _____.
20. Then there are the unforgiving; people who hold _____ and won't let it go.

21. The word "slander" is also the word for " _____ " and means "false accuser."
22. Paul also says the end-time generation will lack _____.
23. Paul also adds those who are _____.
24. Paul adds to the list traitors, the headstrong, arrogant, and lovers of _____ rather than lovers of God.
25. In the last days, many people will _____ the power of godliness that can guide them to God.
26. Paul says, "From such people _____."

III. Recognize the Strategy of Corruption

27. In verse 6, Paul calls upon us to recognize Satan's strategy of _____.
28. Paul seemed especially concerned that these evils would be allowed into your _____.
29. Those marked by end-time depravity have adopted a strategy of corruption. Their goal is to take others captive and _____ them to their way of thinking.
30. The people of the end-time generation will be extremely _____.
31. The battle for family faith is won or lost at _____.
32. Paul says the end-time generation will always be learning yet never able to come to the knowledge of the _____.

33. Those inspired by the Satanic spirit of the last days will know how to _____ systems and lead people astray.

34. The spirit that dominates end-time leaders will _____ them to the Spirit of Truth.

Conclusion

35. Jannes and Jambres were examples of the kind of _____ Paul was talking about.

36. In the last days, we will see more and more demonically inspired leaders who will miraculously work to discredit God's message and _____.

37. Satan will unleash great power to overcome and subdue the people of this world, but remember, even in the last days, God is still in _____.

Our freedom is internal; it's within! Because of Jesus, there is always hope. Because of Jesus, we have faith in God's word. Whom the Son sets free, is free indeed!

ANSWERS:

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| 1. Lord | 14. Proud | 27. Corruption |
| 2. Gospel | 15. Defiant | 28. Home |
| 3. Perilous | 16. Unjustly | 29. Enslave |
| 4. Intensify | 17. Poor | 30. Gullible |
| 5. Discernment | 18. Unforgiving | 31. Home |
| 6. Faithless | 19. God | 32. Truth |
| 7. Stress | 20. Grudges | 33. Manipulate |
| 8. Church | 21. Devil | 34. Blind |
| 9. Love | 22. Self-control | 35. Corruption |
| 10. Self | 23. Brutal | 36. Plan |
| 11. Obsessed | 24. Pleasure | 37. Control |
| 12. Evil | 25. Refuse | |
| 13. Boastful | 26. Turn away | |