

Title: Surviving Perilous Times
2 Timothy 3:1-17

Introduction

In His Word God tells us to stand firm in difficult times. How can we stand firm in difficult times?

1. Timothy was to be different from those with an _____ religion.
2. He was called to “_____” being faithful, even while others went from “bad to worse” (v. 13).

I. Remember the Faithful

3. There were some dark times and even evil people in the church, but Paul was faithful, and his faithfulness _____ Timothy.
4. God reminded Elijah that He had preserved a _____ that would not bow down to Baal (1 Kings 19).
5. Satan often _____ us to feel alone and hopeless, but we are not because God has faithfully preserved his saints, even in these dark times.
6. There are many other believers who follow God _____.
7. Remembering these witnesses helps us overcome sin and _____ the race before us.
8. Like Timothy, we need to intimately “_____” other faithful believers so we can draw strength from them.

II. We Must Follow the Faithful

9. Timothy continued in what he had learned because he knew " _____ " he learned it from.
10. If we are going to stand in terrible times, we need to follow the godly _____ of the faithful.
11. To stand during difficult times, we must walk closely with the faithful and follow their _____ as Timothy did Paul's.
12. The faithful live _____ lives.
13. The faithful _____ God's Word.
14. Paul _____ the Word of God whether it was popular or unpopular.
15. Godly models _____ us with God's Word.
16. The faithful _____ what they preach.
17. The faithful focus on _____ God and pleasing him.
18. The faithful demonstrate the _____ of the Spirit.
19. The faithful willingly accept _____ for Christ.
20. God gave Paul _____ to endure his sufferings, and it's often similar for us.

21. Trials are part of the Lord's sanctifying _____, and we must humbly accept them (cf. Rom 5:3-4).

III. We Must Expect Persecution

22. These persecutions come from outside or inside the _____.

23. There will always be people in the church without true faith who _____ the truth (2 Tim 3:5-9).

24. Not only will there be persecution from without and from within, but also spiritual _____.

25. A godly life exposes the _____ of others.

26. If you want to be exempt from persecution, you have to _____ Christ.

Conclusion

27. The Faithful _____ in God's Word.

28. Parents should _____ the Bible to their children from birth.

29. God's Word is the _____ way to make us holy, encourage us when we are down, and protect us.

30. We can't _____ difficult times unless we continue in God's Word.

Are you building on the rock of God's Word? Any other foundation won't last. To Stand Firm in Difficult Times, We Must Remember the Faithful. To Stand Firm in

Difficult Times, We Must Follow the Faithful. To Stand Firm in Difficult Times, We Must Expect Persecution. To Stand Firm in Difficult Times, We Must Continue in God's Word.

Answers

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| 1. empty | 11.footsteps | 21.process |
| 2. continue | 12.transparent | 22.church |
| 3. encouraged | 13.teach | 23.oppose |
| 4. remnant | 14.preached | 24.warfare |
| 5. tempts | 15.challenge | 25.wickedness |
| 6. faithfully | 16.practice | 26.renounce |
| 7. endure | 17.knowing | 27.continue |
| 8. know | 18.fruit | 28.read |
| 9. who | 19.suffering | 29.primary |
| 10.examples | 20.grace | 30.endure |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. Who are the faithful around you that you can watch during the storms of life? How can their example encourage you in your perseverance in this life?
2. What lessons can you learn from the faithful around you? What can you do to follow their example more fully?
3. How do you respond when you go through trials? Do they draw you closer to God or away from him?