

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 03 March 2013..... 1Timothy 1:1-20..... Follow Sound Doctrine
- 2) 10 March..... 1Timothy 2:1-15..... Please God in Worship
- 3) 17 March..... 1Timothy 3:1-4:16..... Honor God in Your Service
- 4) 24 March..... 1Timothy 5:1-6:2..... Care for Others
- 5) 31 March..... Matthew 28:1-20..... Believe in the Risen Lord
- 6) 07 April..... 1Timothy 6:3-21..... Pursue Spiritual Gifts
- 7) 14 April..... 2Timothy 1:1-18..... Be Loyal
- 8) 21 April..... 2Timothy 2:1-26..... Be Strong in God's Work
- 9) 28 April..... 2Timothy 3:-17..... **Be Guided by God's Word**
- 10) 05 May..... 2Timothy 4:1-22..... Be Persistent to the End
- 11) 12 May..... Titus 1:1-16..... Look for Qualified Spiritual Leaders
- 12) 19 May..... Titus 2:1-15..... Look for Spiritual Excellence
- 13) 26 May..... Titus 3:1-15..... Look for Good Works

INTRODUCTION

- Paul shows how we can be effective in the difficult times of the last days by using God's word to transform unbelievers into believers, and believers into strong disciples

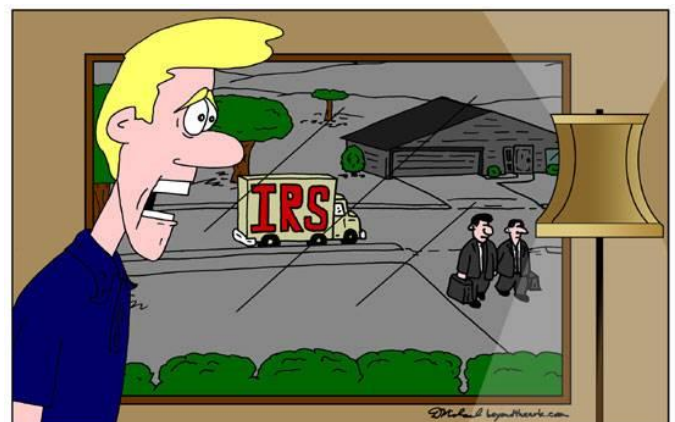
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2Timothy 3:1-5	<p>Know What to Avoid in the Last Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. "In the last days difficult times will come...." – Based on the context the "last days" represent the remaining time left from the writing of this epistle till the Lord's final return • vv2-5. The "difficult times" include dealing with people who exhibit the following traits to avoid 	
	<p>Traits to Avoid</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrogant 2. Brutal 3. Calls evil good and good evil 4. Conceited 5. Disobedient to parents 6. Greedy 7. Irreconcilable/Unforgiving 8. Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God 9. Malicious gossips 10. No self-control 11. Proudful 12. Reckless 13. Religious appearance 14. Revilers 15. Self-focused 16. Treacherous 17. Ungrateful 18. Unholy 19. Unloving 	<p>Traits to Acquire</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reasonable 2. Gentle 3. Encourages good, and contends with evil 4. Considers others first 5. Honors parents 6. Generous 7. Reconcilable/Forgiving 8. Loves to please God before self 9. Speaks truth in love 10. Self-controlled 11. Humble 12. Thinks things through 13. Sincere 14. Respects others 15. Heavenly-focused 16. Dependable / Loyal 17. Thankful 18. Holy / Pure 19. Loving
3:6-9	<p>Distinguish Truth from Lies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v6. Church leaders should be on the lookout for those who exhibit the negative traits above, and protect weaker members from succumbing to their ways • v7. Weak or frustrated believers may be those who struggle with ongoing sin or other challenges and they become easy prey for those touting an easy believism (e.g., "name it and claim it" or a prosperity gospel) • v8. Jannes and Jambres are not named in the OT, but according to Jewish tradition they were the two Egyptian magicians who opposed Moses with inferior miracles in Pharaoh's court (Exodus 7:11; 9:11) • v9. The folly of false teachers will only become evident to all after their ways & words have been expounded 	

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3:10-11	<p>Can We Be Like Paul?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv10-11. Timothy observed the following aspects of Paul's life and chose to emulate them for his own life, and so should we: [How are these to be exhibited?] <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">1. His Teachings</td> <td style="width: 50%;">6. Love</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Conduct</td> <td>7. Perseverance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Goals</td> <td>8. Persecutions</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Faith</td> <td>9. Sufferings</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. Patience</td> <td>10. Endurance</td> </tr> </table>	1. His Teachings	6. Love	2. Conduct	7. Perseverance	3. Goals	8. Persecutions	4. Faith	9. Sufferings	5. Patience	10. Endurance
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3:12-13	<p>Be Prepared for Persecution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v12. Promise – "All who desire to live godly in Christ WILL BE Persecuted" How? When? By Whom? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Jesus said "If they persecuted me, they will persecute you"..... John 15:20 ♦ Paul also preached "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God"..... Acts 14:22 ♦ American Christians have had it easy for several generations compared, at least, to other Christians around the world, but those days seem to be ending - If so, how should we prepare for persecution? • v13. "Evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived." – Notice that Paul says they will be successful at deceiving people, so we must always be watchful of ourselves & others 										
3:14-17	<p>Be Equipped for Right Living</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv14-15. Key to Winning Souls – Proper absorption and exposition of God's word • vv16-17. Key to Being Fruitful – Proper handling of God's inspired and profitable word <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teach God's ways 2. Reprove to stop people from sinning 3. Correction to fix what is broke in someone's life 4. Train in righteousness to maintain testimony 										

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- In Christianity there are many things that can be thought about to help maintain focus and to live a fruitful life, but our efforts can be summarized with a few basics from Paul:
 - ♦ **Phillipians 4:13** – I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me
 - ♦ **2Timothy 2:8** – Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel

NEXT WEEK: 2 Timothy 4. There is still much hard work to do for the kingdom of God, and there is a Crown of Righteousness awaiting those who put God first in their lives



"Honey, the tribulation has officially begun!"