

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 02 June 2019.....1Timothy 1.....Entrusted
- 2) 09 June.....1Timothy 2.....On Mission
- 3) 16 June.....1Timothy 3.....Setting the Example
- 4) 23 June.....1Timothy 4.....Staying the Course
- 5) 30 June.....1Timothy 5.....Being Responsible
- 6) 07 July.....1Timothy 6.....Lasting Investments
- 7) 14 July.....2Timothy 1.....Confidence
- 8) 21 July.....2Timothy 2.....Focused
- 9) 28 July.....2Timothy 3.....Diligent**
- 10) 04 August.....2Timothy 4.....Enduring
- 11) 11 August.....Titus 1.....Living with Opposition
- 12) 18 August.....Titus 2.....Living with Integrity
- 13) 25 August.....Titus 3.....Living to Do

**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

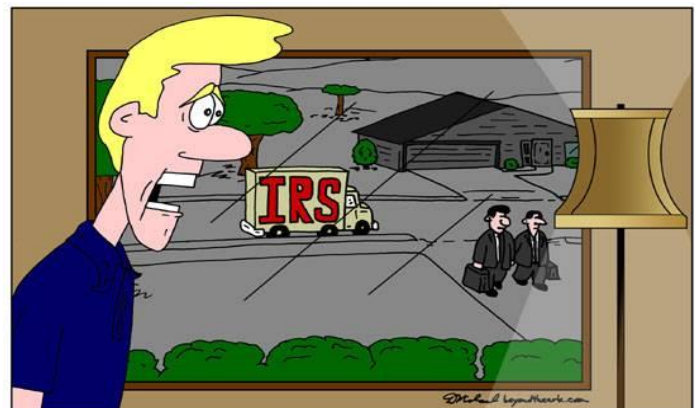
Passage	Comments																																								
2Timothy 3:1-5	<p><b>Know What to Avoid in the Last Days</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v1. "In the last days difficult times will come...." – These "last days" represent the remaining time left from the writing of this epistle till the Lord's final return – <b>What kind of difficult times can we expect?</b></li> <li>• vv2-5. The "difficult times" include dealing with people who exhibit the following traits to avoid</li> </ul>																																								
	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #d9ead3;">Traits to Avoid</th> <th style="background-color: #d9ead3;">∴ Traits to Acquire</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. Arrogant</td> <td>1. Reasonable</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Brutal</td> <td>2. Gentle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Calls evil good and good evil</td> <td>3. Encourages good, and contends with evil</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Conceited</td> <td>4. Considers others first</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. Disobedient to parents</td> <td>5. Honors parents</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6. Greedy</td> <td>6. Generous</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7. Irreconcilable/Unforgiving</td> <td>7. Reconcilable/Forgiving</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8. Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God</td> <td>8. Loves to please God before self</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9. Malicious gossips</td> <td>9. Speaks truth in love</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10. No self-control</td> <td>10. Self-controlled</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11. Prideful</td> <td>11. Humble</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12. Reckless</td> <td>12. Thinks things through</td> </tr> <tr> <td>13. Religious appearance</td> <td>13. Sincere</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14. Revilers</td> <td>14. Respects others</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15. Self-focused</td> <td>15. Heavenly-focused</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16. Treacherous</td> <td>16. Dependable / Loyal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17. Ungrateful</td> <td>17. Thankful</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18. Unholy</td> <td>18. Holy / Pure</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19. Unloving</td> <td>19. Loving</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Traits to Avoid	∴ Traits to Acquire	1. Arrogant	1. Reasonable	2. Brutal	2. Gentle	3. Calls evil good and good evil	3. Encourages good, and contends with evil	4. Conceited	4. Considers others first	5. Disobedient to parents	5. Honors parents	6. Greedy	6. Generous	7. Irreconcilable/Unforgiving	7. Reconcilable/Forgiving	8. Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God	8. Loves to please God before self	9. Malicious gossips	9. Speaks truth in love	10. No self-control	10. Self-controlled	11. Prideful	11. Humble	12. Reckless	12. Thinks things through	13. Religious appearance	13. Sincere	14. Revilers	14. Respects others	15. Self-focused	15. Heavenly-focused	16. Treacherous	16. Dependable / Loyal	17. Ungrateful	17. Thankful	18. Unholy	18. Holy / Pure	19. Unloving	19. Loving
	Traits to Avoid	∴ Traits to Acquire																																							
1. Arrogant	1. Reasonable																																								
2. Brutal	2. Gentle																																								
3. Calls evil good and good evil	3. Encourages good, and contends with evil																																								
4. Conceited	4. Considers others first																																								
5. Disobedient to parents	5. Honors parents																																								
6. Greedy	6. Generous																																								
7. Irreconcilable/Unforgiving	7. Reconcilable/Forgiving																																								
8. Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God	8. Loves to please God before self																																								
9. Malicious gossips	9. Speaks truth in love																																								
10. No self-control	10. Self-controlled																																								
11. Prideful	11. Humble																																								
12. Reckless	12. Thinks things through																																								
13. Religious appearance	13. Sincere																																								
14. Revilers	14. Respects others																																								
15. Self-focused	15. Heavenly-focused																																								
16. Treacherous	16. Dependable / Loyal																																								
17. Ungrateful	17. Thankful																																								
18. Unholy	18. Holy / Pure																																								
19. Unloving	19. Loving																																								
3:6-9	<p><b>Distinguish Truth from Lies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v6. How should Church leaders be on the lookout for those who exhibit the negative traits above, &amp; protect weaker members from succumbing to their ways?</li> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• 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 (<b>Exodus 7:11; 9:11</b>)</li> <li>• v9. <b>What is the folly of false teachers that becomes evident?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Lies? <input type="checkbox"/> Harsh words? <input type="checkbox"/> Bad fruit? <input type="checkbox"/> Belligerence? <input type="checkbox"/> Division? <input type="checkbox"/> Church split?</li> </ul>																																								

Passage	Comments										
3:10-11	<p><b>Can We Be Like Paul?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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?]</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. His Teachings</td> <td>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> </tbody> </table>	1. His Teachings	6. Love	2. Conduct	7. Perseverance	3. Goals	8. Persecutions	4. Faith	9. Sufferings	5. Patience	10. Endurance
1. His Teachings	6. Love										
2. Conduct	7. Perseverance										
3. Goals	8. Persecutions										
4. Faith	9. Sufferings										
5. Patience	10. Endurance										
3:12-13	<p><b>Be Prepared for Persecution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v12. <b>Promise</b> – "All who desire to live godly in Christ <b>WILL BE Persecuted</b>".....How? When? By Whom? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Jesus said, "If they persecuted me, they will persecute you"..... <b>John 15:20</b></li> <li>♦ Paul also preached, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God"..... <b>Acts 14:22</b></li> <li>♦ American Christians have had it easy for several generations compared, at least, to other Christians around the world. These days seem to be ending – <b>If so, how should we prepare for persecution?</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• 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 in prayer &amp; doctrine.</li> </ul>										
3:14-17	<p><b>Be Equipped for Right Living</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv14-15. <b>Key to Winning Souls → Sound Doctrine</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Proper absorption and exposition of God's word</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv16-17. <b>Key to Fruitfulness → Sound Doctrine</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Proper handling of God's word involves: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accurately teaching God's principles</li> <li>2. Reprove/Rebuke to stop people from sinning</li> <li>3. Correct what is broke in one's life</li> <li>4. Train in righteousness to maintain testimony</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>										

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS**

- In Christianity there are many things which can help us maintain focus and to live a fruitful life. These efforts can be summarized with a few more words from Paul:
  - ♦ **Philippians 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!"