

## 2 Tim 3:1-5

***But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!***

When you read today's devotional verses, couldn't you see the world today in every word of it?

- *lovers of themselves*
- *lovers of money*
- *boasters*
- *proud*
- *blasphemers*
- *disobedient to parents*
- *unthankful*
- *unholy*
- *unloving*
- *unforgiving*
- *slanderers*
- *without self-control*
- *brutal*
- *despisers of good*
- *traitors*
- *headstrong*
- *haughty*
- *lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God*
- *having a form of godliness but denying its power*

Wow, talk about a laundry list. If you think about it, that's just what it is, the world's dirty laundry, or ways of living.

We read what this means to us as Christians in verse 1?

***But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come***

Or as the NLT puts it:

† **2 Tim 3:1 (NLT)** *You should also know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times.*

Yes, I know we can all relate to difficult times, whether they are financial, health, emotional, physical or spiritual. But we should not be shocked at these things.

† **1 Peter 4:12** *Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;*

But one key thing we miss in this passage is *“in the last days”*

You may be thinking, *“I know we are in the last days.”*

If you know that, then what are you going to do about it?

The last days means that the time is short before the return of Jesus to rapture the church, His bride. I hear people say we are in the final hour. I personally believe that we are in the final seconds before Jesus returns for the church.

If we are that close, what are you doing to tell others or warn them about the life they are living apart from Jesus Christ?

If you knew, for a fact that sometime tomorrow a dam was going to break and flood your entire neighborhood, would you just sit back, or would you maybe leave town without telling anyone?

The dam is about to break on the world, and once the church is taken out; the world will be flooded with sin.

† **1 Tim 6:9** *But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.*

Are you planning on leaving town (this earth) without telling anyone?

† **Matt 25:24-28** *Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.'*

The Lord has given us eternal life, are you keeping it to yourself or investing it into others?