

## ARE WE LIVING IN THE ENDTIMES?

### Living Confidently In A Chaotic World

2 Timothy 3:1-5 - You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. <sup>2</sup>For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. <sup>3</sup>They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. <sup>4</sup>They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. <sup>5</sup>They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

### Characteristics Of The Last Days Society

- **Extremely self-centered**

James 4:6-8 - The scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup> So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

- **Greedy**

Hebrews 13:5 - Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

- **Replacement of God's Word with a false truth**

1 Timothy 4:1-2 - Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. <sup>2</sup> These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead.

- **Hateful and violent**

- **Immorality without shame**

Mark 7:20-23 – Jesus said, "It is what comes from inside that defiles you. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you."

- **A large number of fake "Christians"**

## How To Live Confidently In A Chaotic World

Focusing on the world brings fear. Focusing on

God brings power and confidence.

2 Timothy 1:7-10 - God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. <sup>8</sup> So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News. <sup>9</sup> For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup> And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News.

### How Do I Focus On God?

- **Pray**

- **Trust His promises**

- **Obey His Word**

Psalm 27:1-3, 14 - The Lord is my light and my salvation - so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble? <sup>2</sup> When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup> Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident. <sup>14</sup> Wait patiently for the Lord. Be strong and courageous and wait patiently for the Lord.

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