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From last week ...

We are living in the 'last days' ... 19 signs (present in the world and in the church).

What signs do we see in our own lives?

Lovers of self	Form of godliness but lack power
Covetous	Slanderers
Boasters	No self-control
Proud	Fierce
Blasphemers	Despisers of Good
Disobedient to parents	Traitors
Unthankful	Impulsive
Unholy	High-minded
Without natural affections	Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God
Unforgiving	

Last days VS end times

Last Days began with Pentecost

and will end with the return of Christ to establish the millennium kingdom.

The 19 signs will get worse and spirituality will decline as we approach the return of Christ

“End-times/tribulation” period can be seen as a subset of “Last Days”

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Paul's counsel for Last Days

**HOW TO BE OVERCOMERS IN A
PERILOUS SINFUL ENVIRONMENT OF
LAST DAYS?**

Learn from the experience of Paul (3:10-13)

Remember The Word of God (3:14-17)

Example of Paul (3:10-11)

Thou hast fully known about Paul, 10-11 ...

Life and teaching was rooted in sound doctrine

Lived for others

Had a clear God given mission

Was faithful till the end

Endured suffering

Loved the church

Patient (with people and circumstances)

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Overcoming with the Word (3:14-17)

What must Timothy continue with?

Was Timothy taught from OT or NT?

What can the Word of God achieve in our lives?

¹⁴ But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

¹⁵ And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

BUT

Timothy must continue (remain loyal to)

- **Scriptures** that he has learned in his early years (his mother, grandmother)
 - Timothy would have been taught from the Old Testament
- **Ministry of the Word** (Chapter 4)

Scriptures lead to Salvation (including Old Testament)

15... holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 53 and many other passages of Old Testament from Genesis to Malachi point to Jesus Christ.

Knowledge of scriptures leads to wisdom, faith, and salvation

Romans 10:17

faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

I Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Blessing of Scriptures

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

All scripture is inspired or God-breathed and is profitable (all sufficient) for:

Doctrine/Teaching – Teaching truth about God, man, sin, origin of life, purpose of life, living a godly life, love & justice of God, etc.

Reproof/Rebuke – Pointing out & challenging false teachings

Correction – Correct that which is wrong of our conduct

Instruction – Training on how to live righteously

What is the outcome of knowing and applying the scriptures?

Blessing of Scriptures

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

BLESSING of studying and applying the scriptures ...

Our lives are transformed

We become perfect/complete/equipped for every good work;

We mature in our faith and become profitable vessels

Are we reading the Word of God daily?

Are we diligent in applying the Word of God?

A Solemn Charge to Timothy (4:1-5)

What was the charge given
to Timothy? Why must
there be a sense of urgency?
What was the truth being
traded for?

A solemn charge for Timothy

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

² Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

⁴ And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

⁵ But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

A solemn Charge to Timothy

1 I charge thee therefore
before God, and the Lord
Jesus Christ, who shall
judge the quick and the
dead at his appearing and
his kingdom;

I Charge thee

Lord Jesus Christ shall judge all mankind
He will judge our preaching also

What is the Charge?

The Charge: PREACH

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine

- Preach (or proclaim) the Word
- Preach in all seasons (Word of God is always relevant, regardless of cultural context)
- Preach to reprove (correct) , rebuke (challenge), exhort (encourage)
- Preach sound doctrine
- Preach patiently and persistently (as it will not always be received immediately)
- Preach now (a time will come when the ears will not be receptive)

Time will come when ears will itch for false teaching (that gives freedom to compromise)



They will **turn away** from sound doctrine and **turn to** fables/lies.

Trading Truth for Lies

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables

But You ...

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Despite hardened hearts and persecutions, Timothy must:

- ❑ Endure hardships and afflictions (1:8, 3:12)
- ❑ Preach the gospel and sound doctrine (2). Lord will bless the labor.

Acts 16:14 The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.

- ❑ Remain faithful to the ministry given

The above three exhortations were true in Paul's life. Timothy is being asked to follow Paul's great example.

Paul's faithful ministry (6-8)

What was Paul's testimony
of his life & ministry?

What was his reward?

Paul's faithful ministry

⁶ For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

⁷ I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Paul's imminent departure

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

- Paul will soon die as a martyr (beheaded)
- His life offered or poured out for the service of the Lord

II Corinthians 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

The good fight of an athlete/soldier

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day:

Fought ... a continuous fight for faith and his ministry

Endured ... persevered till the end

Finished ... completed his mission/calling

Kept ... kept the faith (faithful to sound doctrine)

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Reward ... Victorious in battle/race and will be Rewarded with crown of righteousness by the Lord.

II Corinthians 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

Crown

Crown of Righteousness given to Paul and to all those who love His appearing

Crowns given by the Lord and will last forever (I Corinthians 9:24-25, I Peter 5:4)

Crowns offered to the Lord in worship (Revelation 4:10)

Paul & People

Who are the 18 people identified by Paul? What does it show about Paul? What is Paul's final greeting of blessing to Timothy and the church?

Paul & people

Personal relationships mattered to Paul

Paul cultivated relationships

He was thankful to those who ministered to him, and he prayed for them.

18 Names mentioned

Timothy	Prisca
Demas	Aquilla
Crescens	Onesiphorous
Titus	Erastus
Luke	Trophimus
John Mark	Eubulus
Tychicus	Pudens
Carpus	Linus
Alexander	Claudia

Paul & People

#1 Timothy

9 Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me

21 Do thy diligence to come before winter

Timothy, Come quickly ... why?

Winter season coming and it will be hard to travel (21)

Paul longed for fellowship with Timothy

Paul feels lonely after everyone deserted him (10,16)

Paul will soon die

#2-5

Demas,
Crescens, Titus,
Tychicus

10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia. ¹² And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.

Demas – a co-worker (Colossians 4:14) left Paul (chose the world over ministry)

Crescens, Titus, Tychicus ... left for ministry

#6-7

Luke & Mark

11 Only Luke is with me.
Take Mark, and bring him
with thee: for he is
profitable to me for the
ministry.

Luke remained faithful to Paul

John (Mark) ...

earlier left Paul (Acts 13:5,13)

source of contention between Paul & Barnabas (Acts 15:36-40)

Relationship restored later (Philemon 24)

Paul now considers him profitable (could be useful for ministry or practical needs)

#8 Carpus

¹³ The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments.

What to bring?

- Cloak – woolen garment
- Parchments/scroll – portion of old testament ?

#9 Alexander

¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: ¹⁵ Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.

Alexander

Cautionary warning against Alexander who did much evil and opposed the teaching of Paul

Alone but not abandoned

¹⁶ At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. ¹⁷ Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. ¹⁸ And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

At first hearing, all forsook Paul (perhaps sensing danger to be associated with Paul)

But **Lord stood with Paul and strengthened him.**

While Paul will be martyred, Lord will preserve him for eternal kingdom.

- Leads to worship, “To whom be glory for ever and ever” (18)

#10-12

Prisca, Aquila, Onesiphorus

19 Salute Prisca and Aquila,
and the household of
Onesiphorus.

Prisca and Acquila

- met Paul in Corinth and assisted in his ministry in Corinth. traveled with him to Ephesus)
- lived in Rome for a while (Romans 16:3)
 - **Romans 16:3** Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

#13-14

Erastus and Trophimus

20 Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick

Erastus - treasurer of Corinth (Romans 16:23)

Trophimus – accompanied Paul on his 3rd missionary journey (Acts 20:4)

#15-18

21 Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.

Another call to Timothy to return

Eubulus

Pudens

Linus

Claudia

Paul's Final Greeting (22)

Paul's final greeting

²² The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

To Timothy – Lord be with your spirit

To Church : Grace be with you (all)

Final word of Paul (from his last epistle)

GRACE

Have you experienced God's Saving Grace & Sustaining Grace like Paul did?

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