

Outlasting the Last Days - Week 5

2 Timothy 3:1-9 – *You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times...*

The Last Days is the time between Christ’s birthing the Church and His return to gather the Church. We are living in the Last Days.

“You should know this, _____, that in July of 2013, there will be difficult times.” *2 Timothy 3:2a; 2 Timothy 3:2b-5*

1. The last days will be difficult for people because people will make them difficult- they will become more and more self-centered.

“At the core of extreme narcissism is egotistical preoccupation with self, personal preferences, aspirations, needs, success, and how he/she is perceived by others.”

“I will exalt my throne above the stars of God... I will be like the Most High”. – **Isaiah quoting Lucifer**

“...the world will see terrible times of societal degeneration.” - **Warren Wiersbe, Bible Exposition Commentary.** *Psalms 112:4*

2. Loving God, loving others and being generous will characterize people who are true followers of Christ because its apparent our hearts are being changed.

3. Jesus Christ and His Word are still our standard of truth Receiving Him and living His Word still changes our hearts and empowers us to “live the list” and outlast the counterfeits of these Last Days. *2 Timothy 3:6-9*

The 3 R’s that Empower Us to Live the List
Realize how desperately I need to change. *2 Corinthians 7:10a*

Repent from the sins of self-reliance and self-centeredness. *Acts 20:21*

Receive God’s power to change. *Acts 2:38-39*

True Christians in the Last Days will be identified by true heart change that only happens through a deep and meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ, and will Respond by living the Last-days List for Christ. *Colossians 3:16-17*

Next week’s message: Faithful Through the Fire

Life Application Questions:

1. From the List, what is one Christ-follower attribute you feel you are strong in?
2. From the List, what is one Christ-follower attribute you feel you need to grow in?
3. How important is truth to you? Do you think about it? Does it matter?
4. Does learning the Word, living the Word and loving the Word influence how you live and the choices you make daily?