

Final Days Survival Guide – Lesson 4

Chapter 6 The Breakdown of the Family, Widespread Divorce, Covenant Breaking and the Devil in the Courtroom.

2 Tim 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

Without Natural Affection Gr: astorgos – Without devotion & commitment to one's family, an absence of commitment to one's family and the deterioration of family relationships & affection.

- Ones that have drifted so far apart that they have at last reached a point of irreconcilable differences. They find it easier to stay apart than together.
- Disjointed families that have lost closeness that was once exemplified by the traditional family.
- They find it so difficult to fix that they keep drifting.
- Many times, parents go one direction and the children another.
- May have to focus on being a strong silent prayer partner to undergird your spouse.

Threats coming from all around (over busy schedules, financial pressures, 2 working parents, multiple cars, TV, computers, mobile phones, Internet, Social Media, Extracurricular activities.

- If we pay heed to what the Holy Spirit says & build or restore our homes according to God's word we can have strong families in the last days **Eph 5:16 Redeem the Time**

Redeem – Gr: exagoradzo – finding what you need (marketplace) purchasing it & getting out. "Do what you need to do & make an exit" (need to be time consciousness in our daily lives) IE: if our lives have become cluttered we can still reverse this condition" God's in the business of divine turnaround!

Truce – Breaking Gr: Aspondos: Undoing of a covenant or one who breaks a covenant – Widespread covenant breaking including divorce: Relationships that have reached the point of irreconcilable differences. (No fault divorce in 1970) Remember we are in a time of "lovers of themselves" 1.1m divorces every year in US. Pandemic of divorce has led to the growth of Government for police, prisons, welfare and court costs. Not to mention the effect on the children of divorce.

Wide Spread Breaking of all Covenants: The Greek word is all encompassing & can include the breaking of all forms of covenants (business, contracts, and relationship covenants) Can also refer to breaking of a covenant with a local church. (Read pg 202)

False Accusers" Gr: diabolos (devil, accuser, slanderer – Rev 12:10) In context of **2 Tim 3:3**, it depicts a court system that is overrun with accusing & slanderous lawsuits" This is in line with the Last Days unreconciling disputes or differences. (Age of slander & accusation)

Last Days Survival Guide Action Steps to Protect Your Marriage & Family:

- 1) What is the State of your Family Right now?
- 2) If you've strayed, what changes do you need to make to get your family back on course?
- 3) What steps are you taking to "redeem the time"?
- 4) What is the State of Your Marriage Right now?
- 5) What are you doing to make the devil regret he ever messed with you?
- 6) What is your attitude about commitments and covenants?
- 7) What is your attitude about suing another Christian & using the legal system to solve your problems?

Chapter 7: "Incontinent" – when Society casts off restraint

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Incontinent – Any lack or loss of control. One who lacks moderation or one who lacks self-control in any or every sphere of life resulting in indulgent behaviors. Gr: Lost power over oneself therefore has no self-control. (Inability to exercise self-control, restraint, willpower, or ability to say no)

Example: Gal 5:19 Lasciviousness – excessive consumption of food, wild, undisciplined living. (food, sex, vices, etc) Reference in 2 Peter 6 is to Sodom and Gomorrah.

- 1) A person has no ability to stop eating. Approximately ½ of the adult population is obese.
 - Acts 10:30 Cornelius had a vision: 2 Cor 11:27 Paul often mentioned fasting's.
 - A perversion - the alteration of something from its original course, meaning, or state to a distortion or corruption of what was first intended.
- 2) A person has no ability to stop spending. (A lack of fiscal restraint)
 - Even the Federal Gov't has become "Incontinent" (just a few years ago it was not politically advantageous to run on increasing taxes or lavish spending:
 - Drowning in debt (Gov't & Individuals) A good budget is a tool & a control.
 - Prov 22:7 The borrower is servant to the lender (**Duet 28** thou shall lend & not borrow)
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- 3) A person has no ability to restrain emotions.
 - **Uncivil** = being rude in speech or gestures, vulgar language offensive manners, continual interrupting, and excessive loudness in public spaces.
 - Unrestrained emotional behavior in politics and with journalism
 - Disrespectful behavior in the workplace, including bullying, name calling, insulting, character assassination, mockery and other forms of emotional behavior.
- 4) A person has no ability to stop addictive behaviors.
 - Addiction of alcohol, food, gambling, pornography, sex, the internet, social media, video games, shopping and cell phones.
 - Gal 5:22 "Witchcraft" Gr: pharmakeia (pharmacy) Medicines or drugs that inhibit a person's personality or change his behavior. Often called mind altering drugs.
 - 1st century pagans embraced demonic religions that used drugs to alter your state.

Key: Prov 29:18 (Where there is no revelation the people cast off restraint)

Matt 24:43 But know this, that **if the goodman** of **the** house had known in what watch **the** thief would come, he would have watched & would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Last – Days Survival Guide to Avoid "Incontinent" In Your Life

- 1) Confront Yourself about your real condition.
- 2) Confront yourself about the way you are eating.
- 3) Confront yourself about your sedentary lifestyle.
- 4) Confront yourself about how you spend your money.
- 5) Confront yourself about your emotions.
- 6) Confront yourself about negative addictive behaviors.
- 7) Confront yourself about your vision or lack of vision.