

## Last Days Survival Guide – Lesson 2

2 Tim 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come

*Purpose: is not to scare us but to prepare us to be Informed & Spiritually prepared (to sail victoriously through the stormy waters and not be overcome with evil)*

**This know also** – to know something definitely, emphatically & with absolutely certainly. Something so urgent that it must be known, recognized, and acknowledged.

**Last Days** – Final (very last or ultimate end of time). A point that is the farthest away Last port call of a ship

**Shall Come** – A compound word that means "In" and "To Stand" (to stand in or to stand in the middle of)

### Chapter No: 2: Perilous times Examples:

1) **Exodus Chapters 11 & 12** What did the Israelites do when the Angel of Death passed through the land

- God revealed to them ahead of what was to come:
- Gave them instructions to avoid being harmed by the judgement that was to come (smear the blood of the lamb on the door lintel and side posts so Danger would pass over. *(unaffected by Judgement under the covering of the blood of the lamb)* Not a single first born was touched!

2) Likewise in 2 Tim 3:1 **Now he is preparing us for the ends in the Last days.**

**Perilous** "Gr: Chalepos" A) Something filled with danger, risk, hurt or something that is wounding. It is the very word used in the New Testament to depict wild, vicious, animals that are unpredictable, uncontrollable, ferocious, fierce, unruly, harmful, cruel, ruthless, & dangerous. It portrays a deadly menace or anything that has the potential to be treacherous or hurtful.

B). Can also be used to describe words or actions that are emotionally difficult to bear.

C) **Geographical regions** filled with so much risk and danger that it needed to be avoided at all cost.

**Matt 8:28 Shows the 2<sup>nd</sup> time the word Perilous is used:** "And when Jesus was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, (Gerg Es Enes) there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce so that no man might pass by that way"

**Exceedingly Fierce** – translated from the word "Chalepos" or Perilous Means the demons presented danger, hurt, risk, hazard & potential wounding for people who passed by or who lived in the area.

**No Man** = No natural man **Way** = a Road (we all have one) **Tombs** = stay out

**We are Called to be Triumphant in Christ 2 Cor 2:14** "Now thanks be unto God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ" Gr: *Triumphal parade to & celebrate a commander who victoriously returned from battle.*

**Action Steps: 1) Get your eyes off yourself: Phil 2:4** Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

**2) Evaluate the Spiritual Environment Around You Heb 10:16** Be wise as serpents.. (wise = to be prudent, careful, cunning, thoughtful, intelligent and sensible -

**3) Get Rid of Judgmental Attitudes towards people** (If you are going to be a person God uses to help others, you must be able to judge a situation without being judgmental about it)

**4) Assume everyone needs encouragement: Rom 14:19** Paul exhorted us to edify other people

**5) Surrender to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (to be effective in the kingdom of God) 1 Cor 12:4-11)**

**6) Don't let Fear Stop you 2 Tim 1:7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but power, love, & sound mind

**7) Remember that you are always on Assignment 1 Pet 3:15** "be ready always: gr- to be prepared: An attitude that is set to go, eager, prompt and raring to get started

### **Chapter No. 3: "Reaching People Literally Blind to the Truth" (smart people blind to the truth) 2 Cor 4:4**

**Blinded = Gr: "tuphloo"** does not just depicts a person who is unable to see, but portrays a person intentionally blinded by someone else = He has removed the individuals' eyes causing permanent blindness. The person hasn't just lost his sight but has no eyes to see. *(explains a lot of what we are seeing and dealing with)*

**Mind "gr: noema"** Doesn't refer to the physical mind but the thoughts, reasoning, opinions, feelings, beliefs, views, that a person holds. \*Unbelievers & those blinded by Satan "do not have the ability to see things correctly". They have been hindered or impeded. **Note:** Only the Holy Spirit can change this situation **(reference 2 Tim 2:26)**

#### **What God Was warning Us About:**

**2 Tim 3:2 "Very Next Verse"** For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent (lack of control in a particular matter). fierce, despisers of those that are good, <sup>4</sup> Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; **13** But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. **14** But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; **16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

**The Supremacy of Self at the End of the Age (2 Tim 3:2)** Lovers of their own selves = A **Signpost** for end times Time period of inordinate self love – the chief circumstance that will mark the end times: **"Gr Philautos"** compound word **Phileo** – love, fondness, attraction **Autos** – Gr word for oneself A society self-focused, self-centered, self-absorbed and self-consumed! Love misdirected - self vs others. People will be loyal to themselves above all else. Their chief loyalty will not be towards God, the nation, work or even to those they call friends. Their life will become fundamentally lopsided, off-balance & off-center. If this is your foundation, nothing built afterwards will be quite right. Man's first consideration at all times will be themselves.

**Misdirected Money: 2 Tim 3:2 Covetous "gr Philarguros" Phileo** love or to be fond of & **Arguros** – silver or money (material possessions) An abnormal love of money, preoccupation or fixation on material possessions (IE greediness) **Matt 6:21** Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also.

**RIV** – Men will be self-focused, self-centered & self-absorbed self-consumed & in love with themselves more than anyone else. As a result of this self-love, they will be driven to obtain more & more

#### **Action Steps: 1) What do I give financially into the work of God's Kingdom?**

**2 Cor 9:8** But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

**2) What do my spending habits reveal about me?** *(What would it look like if someone reviewed your money spending (checkbook)? What would be their conclusion!*

**3) What do I do with my time?** *(Self-consumed or self-giving)?*

**4) What do I do to serve others?** *(Does your life reveal you are really blessing others)?*

**5) When I Pray, do I pray about myself or the needs of others.** *(Listen you your prayers)*

**6) What personal sacrifices do I make to serve the Lord?** *(When was the last time I gave up something or changed your schedule)?*

**7) What am I sacrificing to be obedient to God?** *Are you making personnel inconveniences to serve God?*