

Last Days Survival Guide – Lesson 5

Chapter 8: Discussing the terms: Fierce, Despisers of those that are Good, Traitors, Heady, High Minded and Lovers of Pleasure more than Lovers of God

2 Tim 3:3-4 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

² For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

⁴ Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Fierce – Gr Anemeros = depicts a person or society that is cruel, fierce, harsh, savage, uncivilized, vicious or violent.

Barbaric behavior has come to civilized times. More widespread and commonplace

- People and parts of society have become numb or desensitized due to what they see or hear: TV, Internet, digital devices or those they are around:
- Lot was **vexed** = denotes total exhaustion to wear out, tire out, to breakdown or bring to a place of total & complete exhaustion. (exhaust your strength to resist) **Read 2 Tm 2:22** pgs 290-291
- Internet games are not only teaching kids much unrighteous including killing and to enjoy it
- Abortions in USSR since 1957 304m: China since 1971 489m Worldwide since 1980 2.2b 125k per day

Despisers of those that are Good- Gr Aphilagathos - = depicts a land where laws seem to primarily defend & protect the rights of the offenders or those that are evil or immoral.

- Rights of law abiding citizen in jeopardy
- People will become morally confused between what is right or wrong (Read pg 299)

Traitors – Gr – Podotes – Lack of commitment to relationships will develop and proliferate throughout society en masse. Friendships will not be what they used to be.

- **Commitment will be lacking.** Many will make themselves 1st priority & have little personal sacrifice to keep the relationship going. “Fair whether friends” As long as things are convenient or they can get something out of you. When storms arise they will walk away.
- Also denotes a shallowness in relationships (how about to your country?)
- How many relationships do you have that have lasted 5 years or more?

Headiness and Emotional Intemperance – Gr Propetes = People who are wholly given to violence, who enjoy violence, & who have become known for their violent, reckless, rash, emotional intemperance.

- The Holy Spirit is prophesying of a time when people will be given to violence & unable to control their tempers.
- Road rage, random shootings, anger in the work place.
- Reckless, impulsive acts of madness

High Minded – Gr tuphoo “high-minded” which comes from the Gr word typhoo (typhoon)

- One who is inflated with pride or ne who is puffed up & clouded by his own sense of self-importance?
- Typhoon – dark clouds, destructive winds & heavy rain moving in over the landscape
- Many in this age will emit a proud, God-defying attitude. Especially intellectual elitists,
- They bring great destruction but eventually pass from the scene

A Love of Pleasure That supersedes A Love for God – Gr philodonos (combined word meaning love & pleasure)

- individuals who give themselves to the unbridled & unrestrained seeking of pleasure of any type.

- Lovers of pleasure here mean (fulfillment of one's pleasure
- People who are preoccupied with their own self gratification or w2ho make personal happiness their highest aspiration in life. (non-stop pleasure seeker). Consumed with themselves
- More than gr mallon which means more than or ore than what is compared to:
- Love of pleasure would have a higher rank than (God) and would exceed their love fir God
- Ones unending, unobtainable pursuit of happiness will become a chiefr goal of people at the end of the age.

Encouragement:

John 17:14-18 I have given them your commands. And the world hates them because they don't fit in with it, just as I don't. ¹⁵ I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from Satan's power. ¹⁶ They are not part of this world any more than I am. ¹⁷ Make them pure and holy through teaching them your words of truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world,

Last Days Survival Guide Action Steps (To avoid these End Times Tendencies and Trends)

1. **Have I become numbed in my response to images of violence or does such graphic violence still trouble me?**
 - Can you say that violent or graphic images disturb you. (reflect on your own level of sensitivity)
2. **Have I considered how Jesus would feel about the movies I watch?**
 - Remember that the H/S lives inside of you & you subject him to what you watch, allow to go through your mind or come into through your ear.
3. **Have I allowed my children or grandchildren to watch images of violence that could possibly sear the conscience and/or desensitize them?**
 - What have you been allowing our children under your charge to take into their eyes, ears & mind?
4. **Have my friendships with others become more shallow over time? Am I possibly viewed by some as a fair-weather friend?**
 - Have your relationships have become shallower & more short term? Are you a reliable, trusted friend?
5. **Have I felt like the horizon before me in society is getting darker and darker? Are you countering with Is 60:1?**
 - In what ways am I shining the light of the gospel? And to those making wrong decisions right now?
6. **Have I allowed the driving force in my life to become the pursuit of happiness or is obedience to God still my chief passion?**
 - Who is your 1st or primary love?
 - What is greater, your desire to please God or your self-gratification?
 - Ps 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:
7. **Has the message gotten through to me that Jesus does not want to scare me, but does want to prepare me to live in victory in these last days?**
 - Am I taking all the necessary steps so I don't become assaulted by the evil that is working in the world today?
 - Remember **2nd Tim 1:7** God does not give us a spirit of fear, but power, love and a sound mind.
 - **John 1:5** says that darkness doesn't have the power to overcome the light of God inside you
 - **Is 54:17** No weapon formed against thee shall prosper
 - **1 John 4:4** Ye are of God, little children & have overcome them, because **greater is he** that **is** in you, than **he** that **is** in the world.