

Last Days Survival Guide – Lesson 6:

Chapter 9: Last Days Masquerade and A Final Showdown (final characteristics of 2 Timothy 3)

Summary: From 2 Chapter 3: The characteristics of an end-time society at large will generally become:

Lovers of their own self	Covetous	Boasters	Proud	Blasphemers	Disobedient to Parents
Unthankful	Unholy	Trucebreakers	False Accusers	Incontinent	Without Natural Affection
Traitors	Heady	High-minded		Fierce	Despisers of those that are good

2 Tim 3:5 Having a Form of Godliness but denying the power thereof, from such turn away (form vs substance)

Gr Form (**Morphosis**) An outward shape or form (in last days many will have the right words or forms in their religious practice but will lack the power "The Inward Life Giving Power of God" "Look The Part"

Good definition is Mannequin (outwardly pass for the real thing) *Point – devoid of spiritual power*

Form of Godliness – *could include clothing, religious styles, actions phrases, symbols (outer form)*

1 Peter 3:4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart

Denying the Power – *To reject, renounce, disown, refuse or simply to stop seeking after or practicing*

- Christians will defect from God truth and embrace a lie
- Loyal to an original (will want to avoid controversy and try to fit in)

Turn Away – *The Holy Spirit is commanding us to mentally & physically turn away from spiritual mannequins that have the right spiritual form but lack genuine, life changing power of God.*

2 Tim 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts

For of this Sort – *refers to above, those with a form of godliness:*

Creep – Gr "Enduno" *To dress in a disguise by wrapping oneself in a garment (using disguise to make his message more appealing, so he can gain access into ones private spaces) Also refers to the age of technology, radio, television, cable system, cell phones and the Internet. (this makes creeping very easy)*

1 Thes 5:12 we beseech you brethren to know them which labor among you **Know** – fully perceive or comprehend

Lead Captive – *Idea of manipulation by mental or spiritual suggestion to get them to do what you want.*

Silly Women – Gr "Gunaikarion" describes needy or weak women. In 1st century women were not as educated.

Laden with Sins – Gr "Soreuo" *miss the mark of what was hoped for: personal failures, problems or disappointments*

Led Away – To lead but is often depicted as referring to animals led by a rope around their necks. The Greek work depicts a conflict or struggle of the human will.

2 Tim 3:7 Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth

Ever Gr "Pantote" = At all times or endlessly . People desperately seeking for answers but are searching in the wrong place or hearkening to the wrong voice. *(if the church does not raise up others will fill the void)*

2 Tim 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth; men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

Jannes/Jambres – *two leading sorcerers in the book of Exodus who attempted to withstand Moses*

Resist Gr "Anthistemi" *to stand against or to stand in opposition. Fiercely opposing something. They are determined to do everything within their power to resist oppose withstand or defy.*

Corrupt Minds = "Corrupted Minds" *corruption, degeneration or deterioration over a period of time*

Reprobate = Gr "Adokimos" *disapproved, unfit, unreliable & untrustworthy. Minds are tarnished, tainted, hardened & both spiritually & mentally compromised that loses its ability to arrive at sensible, godly conclusions. Is 5:20 speaks of a coming day when people will call evil good and good evil.*

1 Tim 4:1 Now the spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. (Embracing compromising positions, following a changing moral climate. They become more and more corrupt until they believe it!

2 Tim 3:9 They shall proceed no farther; for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

Proceed – Gr “Prokopto” which means to advance or make progress. It is the very word use to denote advancement of spreading disease. It could spread out of control unless stopped. Could make others spiritually sick.

Folly – Gr “Anoia” Mindless also means madness, irrational thinking or brainless.

Manifest – Gr “Ekedelos” which means to become obvious or to become unmistakably clear.

2 Tim 3:13 But evildoers and seducers shall was worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Wax – Gr “Prokopto” same word as above meaning to spread advancement of disease.

Deceiving – Gr “Planao” a wandering from an established moral path or one who has veered from a solid path.

[Excellent Summary on pages 361 – 363 of the book]

Last Days Survival Guide Action Steps:

1. **Whom do I think of when I read about a “form of godliness but denying the power thereof?”**
 - Do I allow the power of God & the gifts of the spirit in me more in the past than the present?
 - Have I become a spiritually mannequin?
2. **Is there any particular person or group I need to turn away from after reading this chapter?**
 - Is my current spiritual environment going to produce a spiritual harvest?
3. **Who Am I allowing to infiltrate my private space?**
 - Who am I allowing to speak into my life through various forms including the media?
4. **Who Comes to mind when I think about those whose minds have become corrupted?**
 - What steps are you taking in prayer to see those who are currently walking a path of deception turn around and be restored?
5. **Whom do I think of when I consider people who have refused to budge from the non-negotiable doctrines of the Christian faith?**
 - Are you a bright and shining light?
6. **Whom do I know who is qualified to help me discern if what I am listening to is healthy or unhealthy for my spiritual life?**
7. **Whom do I know who needs to read this Chapter?**

Next Week: Chapter 10: How to Victoriously Navigate Last-Days Stormy Weather We will look at God’s solution to help us remain spiritually robust so we can thrive and fulfill our part on is purposes as the close out this age.