

Facing Perilous Times

II Timothy 3:1-4:8

Paul is addressing two things when it comes to facing perilous times in these last days:

1. What will happen?
2. What must we do?

The Characteristics of the Last Days

Misguided love (v2-4)

- Lovers of self
- Lovers of money
- Lovers of pleasure

Corrupt Character (v2-4)

Counterfeit Christianity (v5)

Four Kinds of People in the Bible

- There are people who are saved but think that is all there is to it.
- There are people who are saved and don't know what it really means or looks like.
- There are people who are saved and have a deep hunger for more.
- There are people who think they are saved and are not.

Human Centered teachings (v6-9)

The Human Centered Teachings Invading Our churches

- Teachings that either justify your guilt or are led by emotions and feelings. (v6)
- It is a reliance on knowledge without a genuine encounter with truth. (v7)
- They package the "Gospel" with results and make it look "real" and "good." (v8-9)

The Challenge for the Last Days

Stay faithful to God
Stay faithful to His Word

Staying Faithful to the Word

- *Surround yourself with those who faithfully live the Word
- *Sit with those who faithfully teach the Word
- *Seek to live in faithful obedience to the Word

The Commitment in the Last Days

We must be committed because we will be held accountable (v1)

We must remain committed to the preaching of the Word (v2)

We must remain committed even when people don't like it. (v3)

We must remain committed because people are looking for "my truth" more than "God's truth." (v4-5)

The Purpose of Preaching

- a. Reprove
- b. Rebuke
- c. Exhort

Takeaways

- *Difficult times will come, do not be discouraged*
- *It will get worse, do not be surprised.*
- *We need to ground our self in the Word now more than ever.*
- *There will always be people who will seek their truth more than God's truth.*
- *It could be the difference between Heaven and hell.*