



EVIDENCE OF END TIMES, PART ONE:
SELF-SERVING THEOLOGY
2 Timothy 4:3-5

1. They _____ Their Hearts

In that time, people will no longer tolerate the rigorous teaching of Scripture. They will close their hearts to the instruction of sound doctrine and reject the practice of faithful obedience to God's word.

They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ~ Ephesians 4:18

2. They _____ False Teachers

Stacked up all around those who cannot endure sound doctrine are a wealth of false teachers to tickle their ears. Instead of hard truth, they will listen to those who will say what satisfies their wayward desires.

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. ~ Romans 16:17-18

3. They are _____ in Lies

Those who willfully turn away from truth will find themselves led away by lies. Whatever agrees with their disobedience, the current, popular myth of the day, will inevitably be received as a "truth" for them.

For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God. ~ 2 Peter 3:5

4. You must _____ Your Work

You have a ministry, a mission given by Christ to fulfill. With clarity of mind, courage of heart and a strong determination to finish well, carry out your work to completion.

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ~ Acts 20:24

PHILIPPIANS 3:19

THEIR END IS DESTRUCTION, THEIR GOD IS THEIR BELLY, AND THEY GLORY IN THEIR SHAME, WITH MINDS SET ON EARTHLY THINGS.



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Additional Scripture References

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**Hebrews 3:12**

*Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.*

**Exodus 8:32 & 9:12**

*But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and did not let the people go.*

*But the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not listen to them, as the Lord had spoken to Moses.*

**Matthew 15:7-9**

*"You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'"*

**1 Timothy 6:3-4a**

*If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing.*

**Jeremiah 5:30-31**

*An appalling and horrible thing has happened in the land: the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule at their direction; my people love to have it so, but what will you do when the end comes?*

**2 Peter 3:17**

*You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.*

**John 17:4**

*I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.*