



I. Self-Absorbed

Key Truth: Unprecedented & Pervasive Sinfulness

II. Society In The Last Hour

Regression & Rejection 1st Timothy 4:1-5

Point: Expect A Falling Away In The Church

Ignorant & Ignoble 2nd Timothy 3:1-9

Point: Expect Disorder & Decline In Civility

III. The Interests Of Others

Mid-Week Devotion (Take time this week to pray & respond to the following)

Society encompasses all of the present people, institutions and norms across the landscape of humanity. Twenty-first century society is struggling to adapt to the increasing pace of change, significant internal and external problems, and global shifts in power. At the heart of this struggle is the reality that society is desperately sick with sin.

Though sin has been a scourge throughout all of history, the end-times will be a distinct period of pervasive human sinfulness. It will penetrate deeper into the fabric of society than ever before. Rebellion against God will unleash unprecedented damage and destruction as institutions such as identity, family, church, and state, are eradicated or redefined to suite evil agendas.

The Church has a vital role to play in end-times society. It must stand in opposition to the advance of evil and be fully committed to the advance of the Gospel. Followers of Jesus Christ will not have it easy in the end-times, but they won't be alone and victory is assured.

Faithfulness is what God requires of His people in the lead up to the end-times. He calls us to put the interests of others ahead of our own. This is what it means to love. We must lean on the love of Christ and care enough to show and share His love with others.

Are you prepared to hold on to love, mercy, and grace in the face of hatred and evil? Is your walk with the Lord consistent and steady so that when life becomes harder you will be able to persevere? In what ways are you connected to the family of God—giving and receiving encouragement from the fellowship of God's people?

Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in a time of prayerful devotion to the Lord. Confess your need for God and invite Him to reveal hesitancy or division in your heart that could be holding you back. Express thanksgiving for the security of salvation and certitude of Jesus' victory over evil, sin, and death.