

# HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE END TIMES

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### I. HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE END TIMES

#### *A. Pastor, are we living in the end times?*

**1 Timothy 4:1** The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

**2 Timothy 3:1** But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.

#### *B. The Future Is Now.*

### II. THREE WARNINGS FOR TIMES LIKE THESE

#### *1. Do Not Be Surprised*

**A. God has prepared us.**

**B. God will rescue us.**

**2 Timothy 3:10-12** You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

**C. Difficulty is not the same as defeat.**

#### *2. Do Not Be Deceived*

**1 Timothy 4:6** If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.

**1 Timothy 4:1-2** The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

**A. We need less distractions.**

**1 Timothy 4:7-8** Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

**B. We need more doctrine.**

**1 Timothy 4:6** If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.

**2 Timothy 3:14-17** But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

***3. Do Not Be Powerless***

**2 Timothy 3:1-4** But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—

**2 Timothy 3:5** having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

**2 Timothy 1:7** For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

**A. A focus on self depletes the power of the Spirit.**

**B. You cannot be full of yourself and full of the Spirit.**