

Don't Be Surprised
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Paul warns of three difficulties in 2 Timothy 3 that we are seeing today.

1. DON'T BE SURPRISED, PEOPLE WILL LOVE ONLY THEMSELVES

People will be lovers of themselves. . . 2 Timothy 3:2

- The voice we listen to the most is our own
- When we see and hear the state of our nation, it should challenge us to ask, "What is my true love?"

2. DON'T BE SURPRISED WITH RELIGIOUS PEOPLE WITHOUT LIFE CHANGE

...having a form of godliness but denying its power. 2 Timothy 3:5

- The seed of the gospel will always prosper in hearts that have been tilled by the conviction and power of the Holy Spirit.

3. DON'T BE SURPRISED WITH PERSECUTION

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted... 2 Timothy 12

So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. 2 Timothy 1:8

Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 2:3

...be sober in all things, endure hardship. . . 2 Timothy 4:5

- We are not on a comfort cruise to heaven but rather in a battle to help save every life we can before our time is done
- Has following Jesus cost you something?
- Do you so identify with Jesus that you would even be willing to identify with him in death?

WE WILL NOT BE SURPRISED IN THE LAST DAYS WHEN WE HOLD ONTO GOD'S WORD

Scripture is the ultimate revelation of truth because ...

- He is the Creator
- All Scripture is from God
- It reveals the hidden sin nature in our hearts
- It teaches us how to live a Godly life
- He uses it to prepare us and equip us for what is to come