

III. FOLLOW THOSE WHO ARE TRUE (3:10-13)

“Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.” I Cor 1:11

A. Their lives are open for all to see (3:10a).

“Jesus answered him, “I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing.” John 18:20

B. They teach sound doctrine (3:10b).

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,” II Timothy 3:16

C. Their purpose is to live for the glory of God (3:10c).

“For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”
Philippians 1:21

D. They are willing to suffer (3:11-13).

“18 “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.

19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

20 Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

21 But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.” John 15:18-21

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FEARLESS~II TIMOTHY SERIES

Know Perilous Times Will Come

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INTRODUCTION

A. Fear is a stronghold that will hold you back from reaching your full potential. A fearless life is a limitless life! It is God’s will that you live a fearless life.

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B. This series is based on II Timothy. It is Paul’s final book and it is written from his prison cell in Rome. The apostle Paul wrote this book to “Timid Timothy” to help him overcome his fear. In this series you will learn how to be fearless in specific ways.

May 14	Stir Up The Gift
May 21	Don’t Be Ashamed
May 28	Be Strong
Jun 4	Depart From Iniquity
TODAY	Know Perilous Times Will Come
Jun 18	Preach The Word
Jun 25	Fulfill The Ministry

The goal of this series will be to turn your fear into fuel!

C. TEXT: II Timothy 3:1-13 (Pew Bible/Pg.1168/New Test.)

“of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, ...”

I Chronicles 12:32a

HOW TO KNOW PERILOUS TIMES WILL COME

I. KNOW THE **SIGNS** (3:1-4)

“The last days” began with the earthly ministry of Christ and will continue until He returns.

*“I God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,
2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, ...”*

Hebrews 1:1-2a

A. The last days will be extremely **difficult** (3:1).

“Perilous” means dangerous, hard to deal with, savage. This Greek word is used only one other time in the New Testament, to describe two violent demon-possessed men (Matthew 8:28). The difficulty of the last times will be energized by demons.

“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,”

I Timothy 4:1

B. The last days will be increasingly **depraved** (3:2-4).

There are **eighteen** characteristics listed here with an emphasis on misplaced **love**.

“36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”

37 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

Matthew 22:36-37

- Lovers of **self** (3:2a).
- Lovers of **money** (3:2b).
- Lovers of **pleasure**(3:4d).
- Lovers of **sin** (3:2-4).

II. TURN AWAY FROM THOSE WHO ARE **FALSE** (3:5-9)

“Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.”

Romans 16:17

A. They are **powerless** (3:5).

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

Romans 1:16

B. They are home **manipulators** (3:6).

“9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.”

II John 9-11

C. They are ignorant of the **truth** (3:7-9).

Exodus 7-9 records a contest between Moses and the Egyptian magicians. Tradition says that the magicians were Jannes and Jambres. These men opposed Moses by imitating what he did, but God shut them down.

“18 Now the magicians so worked with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not. So there were lice on man and beast.

19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had said.”

Exodus 8:18-19