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2 Timothy 3

2 Timothy 3:1 You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times.



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^{3:2} For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. ³ They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. ⁴ They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God.

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Misdirected love

- Lovers of self
- Lovers of money
- Lovers of pleasure
- (negative prefix – absence of) Love for God

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Lovers of self – *philautos*, love + the pronoun self. (see Matthew 22:37-39).

Lovers of money – *philarguros*, love + silver. (see 1 Timothy 6:9-10, Matthew 6:24).

Lovers of pleasure rather than a lover of God – *philedonos*, love + lust, or hedonism.

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⁵ They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

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¹⁰ But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance. ¹¹ You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured. You know all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra but the Lord rescued me from all of it. ¹² Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

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¹³ But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived. ¹⁴ But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. ¹⁵ You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.

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¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

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OF THE REFORMATION

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SOLA GRATIA

SALVATION BY GRACE ALONE...

EPHESIANS 1:7 | IN HIM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD, THE FORGIVENESS OF OUR TRESPASSES, ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE.

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SOLA FIDE

...THROUGH FAITH ALONE

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 | FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH, AND THIS IS NOT YOUR OWN DOING; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD, NOT A RESULT OF WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE MAY BOAST.

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SOLUS CHRISTUS

...IN CHRIST ALONE

ACTS 4:12 | AND THERE IS SALVATION IN NO ONE ELSE, FOR THERE IS NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED.

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SOLI DEO GLORIA

...TO THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE

JUDE 1:25 | TO THE ONLY GOD, OUR SAVIOR, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, BE GLORY, MAJESTY, DOMINION, AND AUTHORITY, BEFORE ALL TIME AND NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

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SOLA SCRIPTURA

SCRIPTURE ALONE IS OUR HIGHEST AUTHORITY

2 TIMOTHY 3:16 | ALL SCRIPTURE IS BREATHED OUT BY GOD AND PROFITABLE FOR TEACHING, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, AND FOR TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE COMPLETE, EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.

I am **bound by the Scriptures** I have quoted

and my conscience is captive to the **Word of God.**

I cannot and will not retract anything.

I cannot do otherwise,
here I stand,
may God help me, **Amen.**

—Martin Luther



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2 Timothy 1:1 I have been sent out to tell others about the life he has promised through faith in Christ Jesus. ... ¹⁰ He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News.