



“Standing Firm: Living and Defending the Truth”

II Timothy 3:1-9

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VI. Be Forewarned: The Days Are Evil! (2 Timothy 3:1-9)

A. Three important points:

1. The first point is a warning.
2. The second point is a revelation.
3. The third point is a command.

B. The warning. (v.1)

1. ‘The last days’ is a reference to the time period between the first coming of Christ and His second coming. (Heb 1:1-2; I Jn 2:18)
2. Paul warns that there will be terrible times in the last days.
3. This word ‘terrible,’ comes from a Greek word that literally means perilous, dangerous, savage, and violent. (Matt 8:28; 24:21; Luke 21:25-28; Gen 6:5-7)

C. The revelation. (v.2-5)

1. The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart. (Jer 17:9)
2. People will become lovers of themselves, lovers of money, and lovers of pleasure. (Rom 1:18-32)
3. The real problem that we face as a nation and as a society is this:
 - a. We don’t really love God anymore.
 - b. We have lost sight of God.
 - c. We have lost our spiritual mooring.

4. What does he mean by v.5, “having a form of godliness but denying its power”? Paul is informing us that in the last days people will be religious and lost. (Rom 8:9; Jn 4:23-24; Isa 29:13; Acts 20:29-31; II Cor 11:11-15; II Pet 2:1-3)

D. The command. (v.5-9)

1. Have nothing to do with false teachers or false preachers. (v.5)
2. Why have nothing to do with them? (v.6-9)
3. Two reasons why Paul says to avoid any church that teaches false doctrine:
 - a. False teachers prevent people from coming to Christ.
 - b. False teachers are actually opposed to the truth.
4. False teachers have been and will be rejected by God. (Jer 23:16-18)
5. We as believers must do two things:
 - a. We must cling to His Word in the days ahead. (II Tim 3:12-15)
 - b. We must acknowledge and confess our own sins. (II Chron 7:14-15)