

DIRECTIONS FOR ENDTIME BELIEVERS 2 TIMOTHY 4:5

INTRO:

- Satan angry for his time is short.
 - Rev. 12:12, Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."
- This generation, this culture and even the church is becoming vexed, asphyxiated, anesthetized, gassed, regarding the present evil, and truth, desensitized.
- We are becoming dull and desensitized to sin and the truth.
- Consider **2 Peter 2:6-8**
 - Vs. 7 Righteous/just: observant of "custom, rule, right,"
 - Oppressed/vexed. "to tire down with toil, exhaust with labor"
 - Vs. 8 Tortured/vexed. to test by rubbing on the touchstone" then, "to question by applying torture;" hence "to vex, torment;" "to be harassed, distressed;" to afflict or oppress with evils regarding ones soul.
- Due to the obsessive love of self, the obsession of being gods to ourselves, man's creation of a humanized god made in man's own image, we are seeing whole generations functioning and exhibiting and being possessed by a reprobate mind.
- Proclaiming what is good evil, and what is evil being heralded as good.
 - Isa. 5:20; Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
- **Rom. 1:18-32.**
- Rom.1:28 **"DID NOT LIKE"**
- "To test with a view to approving
 - To put to the test for the purpose of approving and if passing their test, to have their approval stamped or placed on Him.
 - The person tested meets the specifications, therefore they are "approved" having passed their scrutiny and meeting their specifications.
 - These ones put God to the test to see if they would approve of Him, should He meet their expectations and specifications.
 - The world of men refused to approve of Him as their God and thus worthy of worship and reverence in their knowledge and life.
 - They did not think God worthy to be acknowledged or kept, revered in their knowledge.

- **Reprobate/Debased**: Not standing the test, rejected.
- The human race put God to the test or on trial and because He was found wanting, it rejected Him, thus God **gave them over**, (note the use of this phrase in Rom. 1:24, 26, 28) to a mind incapable of discharging the function of a mind with respect to the things of salvation and righteousness.
- A reprobate mind is a mind of which God cannot approve of, and thus must be rejected. A result of refusing to have God in their knowledge and thoughts.
- Many churches today are filled with those who want their ears tickled with easy believeism and the many variations of selfishisms and so called positive thinking.
- They come to have their egos fed and their sins approved rather than to have their hearts cleansed and their souls saved.
- They want only to feel good, but not to be made good, To be happy but not holy.
- God gave them up to a mind which cannot stand a the trial of truth and reality.
- They pronounced the true God disapproved and would have none of Him, and so He gave them up to a disapproved mind.
- A mind which cannot discharge the functions of a sound mind, in which the divine distinctions of right and wrong are confused and lost so that God's condemnation cannot be fall on them at the last.
- This includes reason and conscience.

2 Timothy: This appears to be Paul's last charge to his dear son in the faith, Timothy.

- Paul is in prison and seems to know his end is near, so he longs to pass on to his son the holy torch of serving the churches of God.
- 2 Tim. 3:
- VS. 1. **Perilous**: dangerous, hard to deal with, savage, These perilous days will be demonically inspired.
 - Mt. 8:28; When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed *men*, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way.
- This evil has always been here, but now it has multiplied, it is exploding and become largely accepted in society, nation and in some cases or to different degrees even the church.
- The great difference is the depth and perversion and that we are expected and pressured to celebrate and cheer the sin.

2 Tim. 4:1-5.

- VS. 1, note the seriousness of the call; **"I charge you"**

- **To charge: A forceful order and an imperative: primarily it signifies to testify through and through, bear a solemn witness; hence, "to charge earnestly,"**
- **Notice again the seriousness of the charge;**
 - before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead ^{at} His appearing and His kingdom:
- **Jesus the meek and lowly will come as the ultimate Judge of all.**
 - JN. 5:22, 27, For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,
 - **Rev. 19:11-16**

In view of the sad condition in the visible church, Paul exhorts Timothy to do 9 things, 5 in vs. 2, and 4 more in verse 5.

- **All 9 of these imperatives are in the Greek it is a sharp command, given with military snap. Do it and do it now!**
- **VS. 2 Paul's command to Timothy in the face of these perilous times was to "Preach the word." Not entertain, or have concerts, but to preach, to herald the gospel, the cross of Christ..**
- **Preach is to herald, to proclaim, no other substitute for the word empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

VS. 5:

- **Paul arouses Timothy's' attention by using the comparison or contradiction to others by saying, " as for you!" (VS. 5)**
- **Notice the two other times Paul uses the similar phrase; 3:10, 3:14.**
- **Note what his life was to contradict. 3:1-5, 3:13, & 4:3, 4**
- **To be Watchful/to be sober: to be free of intoxication. To be level headed, well balanced, in control of ones faculties and emotions. To be stable, unwavering, steadfast. To exercise self-control. Be alert, vigilant, have a clear perception of what is happening in the and around us.**
- **Having seen, discerned, and live out, now be ready to endure.**
- **To endure affliction/hardships: To suffer evil, hardships and affliction.**
 - Timothy was a obedient student, disciple see Heb. 13:23.
- **To do the work of an evangelist: One who brings the good news. Always being ready to do so, looking for the opportunity.**
 - The speaking of the good news. That which can bring conviction and yet hope to a searching soul.
- **To fulfill your ministry: to cause a thing to be shown to the full: "to bring in full measure, to fulfill," " to fulfil the ministry in every respect, "to carry through to the end, accomplish: With eagerness and wholeheartedness.**
- **To carry through to the end. 4:6-8**

APPLICATION: See the world, Contradict the world, live for Jesus in this world.

- **Phil. 3:12-14**