

“TERRIBLE TIMES IN THE LAST DAYS”

2nd Timothy 3:1-5

*But mark this: **There will be terrible times in the last days.** **2** People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, **3** without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, **4** treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— **5** having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.*

v.1

Terrible Times: Hard to live in, hard to bear, troublesome, dangerous times.

v. 2 People will be:

1. **Lovers of themselves:** Love their own interests more than they love God or other people around them; Self-focused.
2. **Lovers of Money:** Love money; put it before God and helping others.
3. **Boastful:** Brag about your achievements or abilities for their own glory.
4. **Proud:** View themselves above others. Look down on or treat others like you know better than them. Un-teachable.
5. **Abusive:** Abusive words that hurt people. Putting people down, name-calling, accusing language without facts. Being negative or provoking. Physical abuse.
6. **Disobedient to their parents:** Obey your own desires before parents. Disobey God's command to obey & honor your Father & Mother.
7. **Ungrateful:** Lack appreciation for all the kind things their friends, parents or siblings have done for them. Think things are owed to them.
8. **Unholy:** Willful sin; not living life, separate from the world, for God.

v. 3

1. **Without love:** Unconcerned; Making little or no effort to take action to love people around you.
2. **Unforgiving:** Hold grudges or keeping records of wrong toward people who've hurt you. Not willing to talk to those people to restore relationship.
3. **Slanderous:** Saying hurtful words that give people a bad reputation
4. **Without self-control:** Continue your sin without fighting to control yourself
5. **Brutal:** Harsh or mean behavior. Lacking any effort to be pleasant or kind.
6. **Not lovers of the good:** Do not love doing the good God wants you to do

v.4

1. **Treacherous:** Guilty of being deceitful or betrayal to get your own way.
2. **Rash:** Do or say hurtful things without considering how it hurts God or men.
3. **Conceited:** Think or act like your better than others. Look down on others.
4. **Lovers of Pleasure:** Value your pleasure and fun at the expense of pleasing God or men. Avoid hard work or things that require discomfort.

v.5

They have a form of Godliness, but the nature of their sin denies God's power to work in their life.