

WHAT AMERICA NEEDS TODAY

Text: 2 Timothy 3

I. THE _____ FOR GODLINESS (Vs. 1-4)

- “Last Days” here = the last part of the Church Age right before the _____ of Christ.
- “Perilous times” = wild, violent, fierce, even demonic; days of extreme spiritual _____.
 - Primary characteristic: _____
 - Other characteristics:
 - Without natural affection = not having normal _____ love
 - Trucebreakers = can’t make peace or live in peace
 - False accusers = slanderers
 - Incontinent = having no self-_____
 - Fierce = savage, _____, violent
 - Despisers of those that are good
 - Traitors = betrayers
 - Heady = rash, impulsive

II. THE TWISTING OF GODLINESS (Vs. 5-9)

- “Form” = the shape or shell without the _____.
- “The power thereof” = the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit to transform our lives and make us _____.
- “Deny” = they don’t think they need it and don’t _____ it.
- The right response of a godly Christian = “From such turn away”

III. THE _____ OF GODLINESS (Vs. 10-11, 14-15)

- Vs. 10-11: From Paul (godly pastor and leader):
 - Doctrine = teaching
 - Manner of life = Paul’s _____
 - Purpose = Paul guiding motive
 - Faith = his unshakable conviction that God’s Word is true
 - Longsuffering = how Paul patiently endured trials for Christ’s sake.
 - Charity = _____, especially revealed in deeds of mercy and compassion.
 - Patience = steadfastness through persecutions and afflictions
 - Application: One aspect of God’s design for the local church is for followers to be able to evaluate and imitate the examples of their _____:
 - Godliness in _____

- Godliness in conduct and motives
- Godliness in the lives of their _____
- If you want to be a survivor in perilous times, you must be plugged in to a good church!

- Vs. 14-15: From mother and grandmother (godly _____).
 - “From a child” = they had trained Timothy right.
 - If our kids and grandkids are going to be godly, they have to (vs. 14) “learn” godliness from us and be “_____” of it by seeing it in us.

IV. THE _____ OF GODLINESS (Vs. 12-13)

- Vs. 12: By _____
- Vs. 13: By _____
 - “Seducers” = many posing as godly aren’t.

V. THE TEXTBOOK OF GODLINESS (Vs. 14-17)

- The “Holy” Bible is both “able” and “_____” to make us godly.
- Godliness = learning, loving, and living the Word!

CONCLUSION

- Challenge: To have a passion and purpose for godliness.
 - Do you have a _____ for God?
 - A passion for godliness = a passion for _____ (Ps. 42:1-2, 97:10, Matt. 5:8).
 - Will you purpose to be godly?
 - What a godly person looks like:
 - Godly _____
 - Godly power
 - Godly _____
 - Godly priorities
 - Godly _____
 - Godly prayer