

# Godly Living In Perilous Times



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## 2 Timothy 3:1-7 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup> traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,



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<sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! <sup>6</sup>

For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, <sup>7</sup> always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.



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### 2 Timothy 1:12-13 (NKJV)

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He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

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- ◆ Even in times of disappointment & hardship - (1:4, 16)
- ◆ God has not given us a spirit of fear - (1:7)
- ◆ Paul suffered for the truth - (1:8, 12)
- ◆ Many will NOT be loyal to the truth - (1:15)



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◆ Evidence of genuine faith - (1:5-7)

◆ Not ashamed of the gospel or those who proclaim it - (1:8-12, 16-18)

◆ Hold fast to the pattern of sound words - (1:13, 14)



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## BE STRONG AND ENDURE – (2:1-13)

### 2 Timothy 2:1-3 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> You therefore, my son, **be strong** in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup>

**You therefore must endure hardship** as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

- ◆ As a good soldier - (2:3,4)
- ◆ As a competitor in athletics - (2:5)
- ◆ As a hard working farmer - (2:6)
- ◆ Suffering for the gospel is worth it - (7-13)



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**DILIGENTLY SEEK GOD'S APPROVAL** – (2:14-19)

2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

◆ We live in confusing times

- ✱ False teaching that ruins those who believe it - (2:14)
- ✱ False teaching that leads to more ungodliness – (2:16)
- ✱ False teaching that spreads like cancer overthrowing the faith of some - (2:17,18)



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◆ Nevertheless – (2:19)

✱ We have a certain foundation

✱ God recognizes our faithfulness

✱ We must resist iniquity and be pleasing to God by following the truth



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**BE HOLY THAT WE CAN BE USEFUL** – (2:20-26)

2 Timothy 2:21 (NKJV)

21 Therefore if anyone

cleans himself

“It is likely that not  
the animal indulgences, but the  
impetuosity, rash self-confidence,  
hastiness, strife, and vainglory of  
young men” —Jamieson-Fausset-

Brown Bible Commentary

Prepared for every

good work

♦ Difference in vessels – (**honor & dishonor**) - (2:20)

♦ Flee youthful lust – (**pride, rashness, vain glory**) - (2:22)

♦ Foolish and ignorant disputes generate strife - (2:23)

♦ Must not quarrel with those in opposition to the truth - (2:24-26)



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<sup>21</sup> Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

- ♦ Be a vessel of honor—  
Value, usefulness -  
(2:20,21)
- ♦ Pursue righteousness, faith,  
love, peace from a pure  
heart – (2:22)
- ♦ Be gentle, a teacher, patient,  
humble – correcting those  
taken captive - (2:24-26)



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**(NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> But you must  
continue in the things  
which you have  
learned and been  
assured of, knowing  
from whom you have  
learned *them*,

- ◆ In a sinful and rebellious world – (3:1-6)
- ◆ When people resist the truth – (3:7-9)
- ◆ Evil men & imposters – growing worse & worse – deceiving & being deceived – (3:13)



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- ♦ “. . . carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, long-suffering, love, perseverance, persecution – (3:10,11)
- ♦ Live godly – suffering persecution – (3:12)
- ♦ Trust & follow the scriptures – (3:15-17)



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**BE PERSISTENT AND VIGILANT** – (4:1-5)

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<sup>5</sup> But you **be watchful**  
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afflictions, **do the**  
**work** of an evangelist,  
**fulfill your ministry.**

- ◆ Men will NOT endure sound doctrine - (4:3)
- ◆ Men will formulate doctrines to conform to what they want to believe & practice – (4:3)
- ◆ Seeking teachers to satisfy what they want – (4:3)
- ◆ Turning from the truth to fables— (4:4)



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- ◆ Continue to preach the truth whether people want it or not - (4:2)
- ◆ Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching – (4:2)
- ◆ Watch, endure, work, fulfill – (4:5)



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**2 Timothy 4:8  
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## ◆ Some Not Ready!

- \* Phygellus & Hermogenes – (1:15)
- \* False teachers like Hymenæus, Philetus & those ruined by them – (2:14,16-18)
- \* The ungodly – (3:1-9)
- \* Those who turn from the truth – (4:3,4)
- \* Demas & Alexander – (4:10,14)



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◆ **Some Not Ready!**

✳ **May God grant them repentance – (2:25,26)**

✳ **The Lord will repay according to works – (4:14)**

✳ **Everlasting destruction if impenitent – (Rom 2:5-8; 2 Cor. 5:10; 2 Thes 1:7-9; etc.)**



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- ♦ Fight the good fight, – (4:7)
- ♦ Finish the race, – (4:7)
- ♦ Keep the faith – (4:7)



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In Times of Trouble – Be Loyal to the Truth

In Times of Confrontation – Be Strong & Endure

In Times of Confusion – Diligently Seek God's Truth

In Times of Strife – Be Holy & Useful

In Times of Peril – Be Faithful & Confident

In Times of Resistance – Be Persistent & Vigilant

In The Time of Judgment – Be Ready





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# 1 Thessalonians 3:1-10 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, when we could no longer endure it, we thought it good to be left in Athens alone, <sup>2</sup> and sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith, <sup>3</sup> that no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this.





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<sup>4</sup> For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened, and you know. <sup>5</sup> For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain. <sup>6</sup> But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, as we also *to see you--*





# 1 Thessalonians 3:1-10 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and distress we were comforted concerning you by your faith. <sup>8</sup> For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup> night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?

