

Godlessness in the Last Days - 2 Timothy 3:1-9

Topics:

Ambition, Culture, Desires, Disobedience, Ego, Evil, Faith, God, Greed, Last Days, Learning, Morality, Parents, Pleasure, Power, Pride, Self-centeredness, Sin, Society, Truth, World

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Get It Questions

13. Why do you think we are or are not living in the last days?

14. Why are there people like the ones Paul described?

15. Why is it so tempting to be a lover of pleasure rather than a lover of God?

16. How can someone have a form of godliness yet deny its power?

17. What relationship should we have with people who flaunt their ungodly behavior?

18. In what way does our society encourage people to let themselves be controlled by evil desires?

19. In what way is the folly of ungodly people clear and apparent to everyone?

20. What do you think it means that godless people have depraved minds?

Apply It Questions

21. From what ungodly person or group do you need to encourage other believers to disassociate themselves?

22. What specific sinful attitude or behavior will you ask God to help you overcome this week?

Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.

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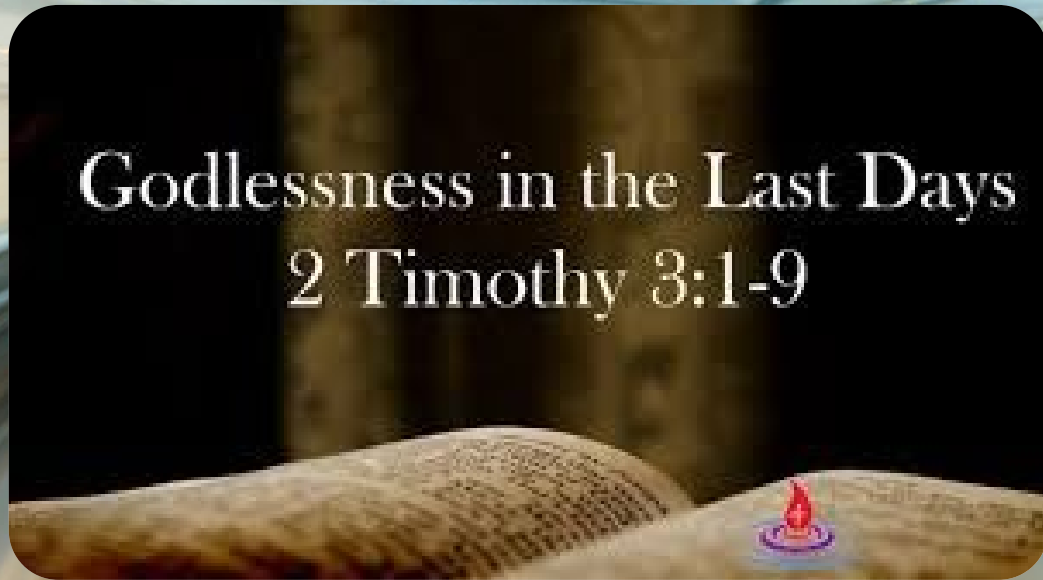
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BIBLE STUDY RESOURCES

☐ Holy Bible

☐ Participant Questionnaire/Worksheet

Retrieve Bible Study Documents
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PRAYER



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- Bereaved
- Our Country
- The World

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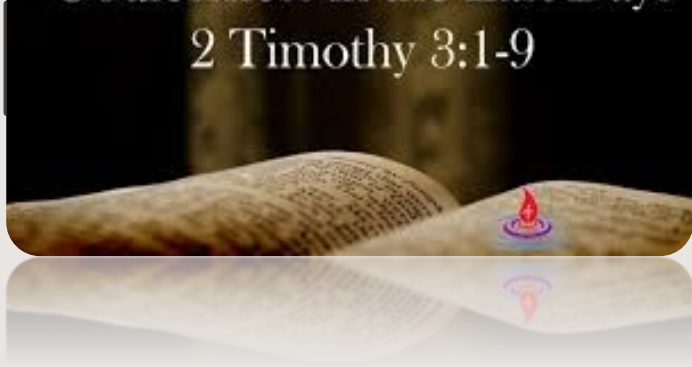
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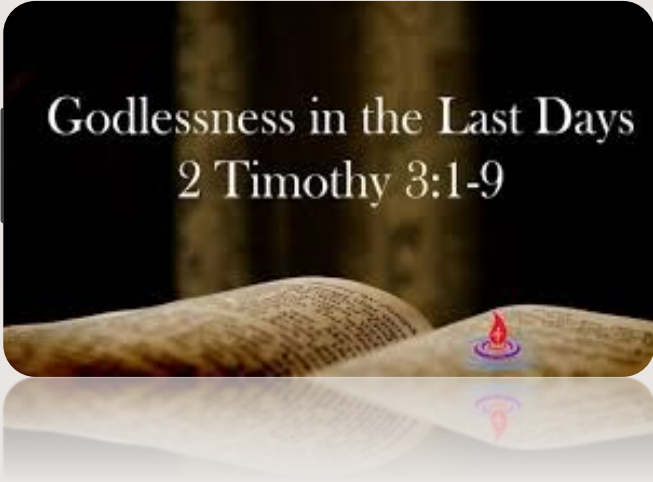
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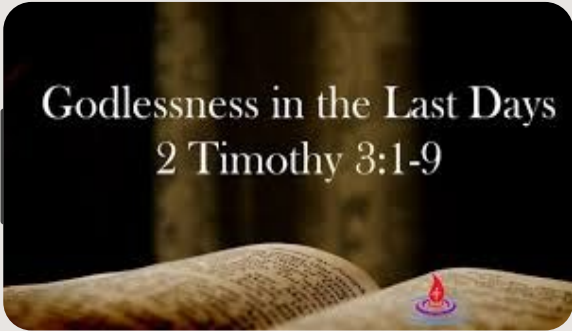
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Paul's suffering left him with few illusions about his future; he would die before Christ returned. As has already been pointed out, this letter has the recurring tone of someone setting his personal matters in order. Paul began this chapter with remarks about degenerating conditions in society.



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Both Paul and Timothy had witnessed how bad “the last days” would become. Paul listed a whole catalog of attitudes and behaviors typical of “last days” people. This list also described the false teachers in Ephesus. Paul characterized them as belonging to the perennial [constant] crop of “opposition” leaders who create a following for themselves. Timothy was to resist their methods and their underlying purposes.

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Scripture
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Get It Questions
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Apply It Questions
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NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

Scripture is Sufficient

2 Timothy 3:10-17

PRAYER

