



THE PREDOMINANT CHARACTERISTICS OF 2024

GOOD NEWS ABOUT BAD NEWS WITH EVEN BETTER NEWS – 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9

From the time of Adam and Eve the _____ of mankind has steadily deteriorated. Although there have been times of good, better and even best, people and societies overall have gotten worse and worse. 2024 brings unusual forms of malevolent thinking and with it depraved conduct promoted by the corrupt media and advanced by satanic business and political leaders. The horrific things we see on a daily basis are _____ to say the least, deeply affecting our attitudes and perspectives.

The Bible speaks clearly of the last days and gives an accurate description of the predominant traits we observe. Although these have been prevalent all along, they have now intensified to the point of complete demise. Yet, there is _____. This morning we will see good news in the midst of bad and be encouraged to press forward with confidence in the Lord.

1. Good news – 2 Timothy 3:1

a. Last Days – verse 1a

- In scripture the phrase can mean:

- 1) The end of any dispensational order or human life – Gen. 49:1
- 2) The time after Christ's resurrection to the end of this age – Heb. 1:2, or possibly extending out to the end of the millennium – Acts 2:17

- But here in 2 Timothy 3 it is:

- 3) The last part of the church age—the Laodicean church period – 2 Peter 3:3; Rev. 3:14-22

b. Perilous times – verse 1b

- The last days – Rev. 3:14-22

c. Why this is _____ news – 2 Peter 3-14

- We live in the most perilous times in human history, yet we can be overcomers
- The time that we live in right now certainly appears to be the *last days* – the _____ is _____ soon!

2. Bad news – 2 Timothy 3:2-8

a. Predominant characteristics of 2024 – verses 2-5

- Lovers of their own selves
- Covetous
- Boasters
- Proud
- Blasphemers
- Disobedient to parents
- Unthankful
- Unholy
- Without natural affection
- Trucebreakers
- False accusers
- Incontinent
- Fierce
- Despisers of those that are good
- Traitors
- Heady
- Highminded
- Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God
- Having a form of godliness but deny the power thereof

b. Prevailing schemes of these characters in 2024 – verses 6-8

- They creep into houses
- They lead captivated silly women *away* by enticing them with various lusts
 - These women are *silly*—unwise, lacking common understanding or judgment, helpless
 - These women were laden with sins *before* they arrived, so they were looking for a vulnerable target
- They are all about learning new things
 - Although they are so consumed with information and the availability of information they are _____ able to come to the knowledge of the truth

- They operate just like Pharaoh's magicians—Jannes and Jambres – Ex. 7:11, 22; 8:7, 18-19; 9:11
 - They are not recognized, you wouldn't know they're trouble when they show up
 - They resist the true work of God with a counterfeit
 - They can only mimic and counter the work of God to a point
 - They have corrupt minds, following dark instructions from an evil poser
 - They are reprobate concerning the _____

3. Better news – 2 Timothy 3:9

a. This craziness shall pass

- Their evil, depraved, perverse, ungodliness shall proceed no further
- The evil characters that run the media and governments of the earth, the evil people that trouble our population will be exposed as frauds (just like Jannes and Jambres)

b. There will be an _____ to this madness