



Acts to Revelation
Bible Course
Lesson 46

Name: _____

Read 2 Timothy 3

In chapter 3, Paul deals with the character of men in the last days.

1. What will the end times look like? (Read verses 1-9.) The end times will be _____ . This is what men will be like:
 - a. Men will be _____ of their own selves (different than loving yourself...“for no man ever yet hated his own flesh.”) This is in reference to irregular, sinful, self-love...as we see today...obsession with tanning our bodies, toning our bodies, plastic surgery on our bodies, and ultimately displaying our body to others.
 - b. Covetous – give one thing people covet today: _____

 - c. Boasters – give one thing people boast about today: _____

 - d. Proud – give one thing people are proud about today: _____

 - e. _____ (using God’s name in vain)
 - f. Disobedient to _____
 - g. Un-_____
 - h. Un-_____
 - i. Without natural affection – give an example today: _____

 - j. Truce- _____ (promises mean nothing)
 - k. False _____ – give an example today: _____

- l. Incontinent (no self-control) – give an example today: _____

- m. _____ (no government of their own passions...like anger; brutal)
- n. Despisers of those that are _____
- o. _____
- p. _____ (reckless)
- q. High-_____
- r. Lovers of _____ more than lovers of God – give an example today:

- s. Having a form of godliness but _____
- t. Silly women laden with sins, led away with divers _____
- u. Ever learning, and never able to _____

- v. Resistance to the truth like _____ and _____ who
 withstood Moses. Give an example today: _____

- w. Evil men and _____ shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and
 being deceived (v. 13).

As we see these things in our day, let us always be ready “to meet the Bridegroom”.

2. Paul mentions the persecutions he endured at Antioch, at _____, and at
 Lystra (Timothy’s home town in Galatia). The Lord delivered Paul (v. 11).
3. In the midst of perilous times, God reassures us of the authority and trustworthiness of
 Scriptures (v. 14-16). Why is this book (by the Holy Spirit) so special...so powerful?
 Because it is _____ by God. Therefore, continue thou in the things
 which thou hast learned...and that from a child thou hast know the _____
 _____, which are able to make thee wise unto
 _____ through _____ which is in _____
 _____. All _____ is given by
 _____ of God, and is _____ for
 _____, for _____, for _____,
 for _____ in _____.

Read 2 Timothy 4

4. Paul now gives Timothy his **final charge (v. 1-5):**

- a. _____ the word;
- b. Be instant in season, out of season (be diligent);
- c. _____, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine
- d. _____ (be alert) in all things
- e. Do the work of an _____
- f. Make full proof of thy _____

5. Paul includes his **final warning (v. 3-4):**

- a. The time comes when they will not endure _____ doctrine, but after their own _____ shall heap to themselves _____, having itching ears (v. 3).
- b. They will turn away their ears from the _____, and be turned to _____ (v. 4).

6. When Paul comes to 2 Timothy 4:6, he explains how he does not believe he will leave prison alive. Nero's persecution is strong, murdering many Christians, and Paul believes his time is come. He says, "The time of my _____ is at hand. I have fought a _____ fight. I have finished my _____." Paul knows that though his body is bound, and though men can kill the body, they cannot touch his soul. He knows that God has a _____ waiting for him in heaven, and not to only him, but to all that love his _____.

7. _____ had forsaken Paul, having loved this present _____. _____, the beloved physician stayed with Paul. Mark, whom Paul would not allow to go along with him on the 2nd missionary journey because he left halfway through the first journey, Paul now says is _____ for the ministry.
8. There are two things that Paul wishes to have. First, he would like to have the _____ (coat) he left at Troas (for it was getting cold at that time – therefore he says in v. 21 to "do thy diligence to come before _____"). Second, he wanted the _____ but especially the _____ (Bible).

9. A man that did much evil to Paul was _____ the coppersmith.
No one stood by Paul except _____ to strengthen him, and He delivered him out of the mouth of the _____ (Nero or some other judge). He was confident that the Lord would deliver him from every evil work and preserve him (his soul) unto his _____ kingdom.

Evaluator: _____

Meditation: 2 Timothy 3:17

"That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

What perfection does the Holy Ghost speak of here? Certainly not perfection in the flesh; that is but a wild dream of free-will and Arminianism. But perfection here and elsewhere means a being well-established and grounded in the faith, as we find the Apostle speaking (Hebrews 5:14), "Strong meat belongeth to them that are *of full age*" (literally, as we read in the margin, "perfect"), "even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." Christian perfection does not then consist in perfection in the flesh, but in having arrived at maturity in the divine life, in being what I may call a Christian adult, or what the Apostle terms "a man in Christ." When Paul therefore says, "Let us therefore, as many as be *perfect*," he means "being no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine," but favoured with a measure of Christian wisdom and strength. It is this Christian maturity which is called in Scripture, "perfection," and it is only obtained by suffering. It is only in the furnace that the tin and dross of pharisaic righteousness is purged away; and the soul comes out of the furnace "a vessel unto honour, sanctified and meet for the Master's use." The Lord of life and glory was made "perfect by suffering;" and there is no other way whereby His followers are made spiritually perfect. Until a man is led into suffering, he does not know the truth in its sweetness. We are full of free-will, pride, presumption, and self-righteousness. But when the soul is baptized into suffering, it is in a measure established in the truth, strengthened in the things of God, and conformed to the image of Christ.

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