

LETTERS TO TIMOTHY PART 9
SCRIPTURE: 2 TIMOTHY 3; JOHN 15
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INTRODUCTION

- 2 Timothy 3, Paul is giving Timothy a gameplan for the last days. A strategy for how to remain faithful.
- “What is your gameplan? What is the driving force in your life right now?”
- 2 Timothy 1:1, “But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.”
- Last Days: In the New Testament refers to the days in between first resurrection and 2nd coming of Jesus.
- The last days will be full of difficult times for believers.

I. PEOPLE LIVING UNGODLY – Vss. 1-9

- The difficulty in the last days will be marked by people living lives of ungodliness.
- Characteristics of those living in the world, the ungodly.
- They influence others with their deceit.
- It is easy to either to react with judge or fear.
- Can’t judge because we struggle also.
 - We are not consumed by it, or led by it if you’re in Christ, but a struggle nonetheless.
 - Judgement creates hatred for those around us.
- So many of us respond to the darkness of the world in fear.
 - There is nothing to fear because this is nothing new.

II. GODLY LIVING – Vss. 10-13

- Paul reminds Timothy of what he has seen lived out by in Paul’s life.

- Paul’s focus of life was teaching, conduct, aim - vs. 10
- Paul’s character - faith, patience, love, steadfastness.
- All while enduring persecution - vs. 11-12
- Godly living - Honoring God with your life and enduring great persecution.

III. CONTINUE - vs. 14

- But, as for you continue.
- Paul is handing him the gameplan/strategy on how to manage the last days.
- You don’t need to switch up the strategy.
- Continue - Greek word “meno.” Same word Jesus used in John 15 for “Abide.”
- 1 John 2:24, “Let what you learned from the beginning *abide in you...*”
- The strategy is abiding in the love of Jesus...letting it strengthen, sustain and equip you.
- Keep His commandment - love those around you.

IV. SCRIPTURE - VSS. 16-17

- Scripture is the authoritative Word of God.
- Knowing the Word is knowing Jesus.
- The call is to know the heart of God, shown through His Son Jesus.
- The gameplan for enduring life as a follower of Jesus has been laid out from the beginning - Abide in Him.
- Continue in what you have been taught and shown.

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- Stick to the gameplan.
- Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed.
- Abide in Jesus, be filled with His love for you, and His love for those around you.