



Learning to Love Living Righteous: Part IV

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The Problem with the Times!

2 Timothy 3:1-4 (Amplified Bible)

1BUT UNDERSTAND this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear]. 2For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane. 3[They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good. 4[They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.

Time

Revelation 22:13 (New Living Translation)

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

- God is at the beginning and end of time!

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (Contemporary English Version)

11God makes everything happen at the right time. Yet none of us can ever fully understand all he has done, and he puts questions in our minds about the past and the future.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (New Living Translation)

11 Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God’s work from beginning to end.

- Doing the right thing at the wrong time will yield wrong result; doing a wrong thing at the right time will yield a wrong result; but doing the right thing at the right time will yield a right result.
- As you begin to start living right you may still be surrounded by a lot of wrong that you or someone else created from the past. Don’t give up, your right will win over the wrong



Galatians 6:9 (New International Version)

9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Never compromise being right no matter how much time it takes.

Psalm 37:25 (Amplified Bible) 25I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the [uncompromisingly] righteous forsaken or their seed begging bread.

What do I do with my time?

- Wait on the Lord!
- Understand his grace is sufficient in my weakness!
- Be patient!

Wait on the Lord

Psalm 37:34 (The Message)

34 Wait passionately for God, don't leave the path. He'll give you your place in the sun while you watch the wicked lose it.

Understand his grace is sufficient in my weakness

2 Corinthians 12:6-9 (New Living Translation)

6 If I wanted to boast, I would be no fool in doing so, because I would be telling the truth. But I won't do it, because I don't want anyone to give me credit beyond what they can see in my life or hear in my message, 7 even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. 8 Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. 9 Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

Be patient

1 Peter 1:6-7 (New Living Translation)

6 So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while. 7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.