

Retreats - Equipping

- **Working on a Training School (More info to come)**
 - Includes monthly classroom training and practical training
- **6/18 – Monthly training w/ Uncle Ralph/Bill (9-noon)**
 - Includes 100 Spanish pastors/leaders
 - In Missouri City
- **6/25 – Half Night Prayer (7-10pm) @ the Kuons**
- **World Mandate – Sept 16-17, 2011 @ Waco**
 - Registration coming in next couple of weeks

The Last Days - 3

(2Tim 3)

(6 - 05 - 11)

Summary

Preparing for the Last Days (past 2 weeks):

- **Wise (humility, fear of the Lord, win souls)**
- **Teach people to walk in righteousness**
- **Look forward to that day (& hurrying it along)**
- **Live holy/godly lives, at peace, pure and blameless**
- **People will be led astray, but we must grow in His word for His glory**

Clues as to season of the Last Days

- **People will rush from here to there**
- **Increase of knowledge**

Young People

- **2Tim 3:1 (NLT) – More overview**

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times.

- **Today we have young people in our midst**
- **Should we communicate about the last days to children? There will be very difficult times!**
- **What Paul said to Timothy 1 Tim 4:12 “Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.”**
- **I know that some of our young ones are younger than Timothy, but can you imagine the above?**
- **Also as they grow in godliness, wisdom, in God's word, and in looking forward to the Day**

Lovers of selves

- **2Tim 3:1-2 (NLT)**

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money.

- **What does “to love only selves and money” look like?**
 - **Focus & Time (ex. TV ads) - Love Me only**
 - **China, Moscow, the world & greed (banking & housing)**
- **Could this love of selves/\$\$ infiltrate (come into) the church? If so what would it look like?**
 - **Focus / the billboards about churches (ex. YYY)**
 - **“YYY loves kids” / “YYY is for you” / “YYY is the place for you”**
 - **Shocking News – The “Church” is not for you (Rev 21)**
 - **Not for little ones, nor youths, nor adults, but Christ**
 - **Imagine what this would be like.. lies broken / worship**

Boastful & Proud

- **2Tim 3:2-3 (NLT)**

They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good.

- **Boastful & proud (after loving selves & money)**

- **Consider our stars of today (sports, movie, even politicians)**
- **Are more becoming boastful & proud, scoffing at God, slandering, no self-control, nothing sacred (ie. marriage)?**
- **Yet millions follow, honor, & glorify them (cruel & hate good)**

- **What about disobedient to parents? Rebellion?**

- **One of the worst problems in modern time / in church?**
- **Why? Clue and answer in next few verses!**

Religious without Power

- **2Tim 3:4-5 (NLT)**

They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

- **Betraying friends, reckless, & puffed up (ex. different levels)**
- **Love pleasure rather than God – reason for disobedient children**
 - **Act religious but has no godliness – hypocrisy**
 - **Children see clearly – leads to much rebellion**
 - **Religious but not godly (no power)/ “Sunday Christians”**
 - **Major problem – what do we do?**
- **“Stay away from people like that!” - too harsh? (WWJD?)**

False Teachings

- **2Tim 3:6-9 (NLT)**

They are the kind who work their way into people's homes and win the confidence of vulnerable women who are burdened with the guilt of sin and controlled by various desires. (Such women are forever following new teachings, but they are never able to understand the truth.) These teachers oppose the truth just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses. They have depraved minds and a counterfeit faith. But they won't get away with this for long. Someday everyone will recognize what fools they are...

- **Who are the kind? (ie. Religious but no power for godliness)**
 - **Ones who love selves & money?**
- **How are they able to work their ways into people's home?**
- **Women (more open to spiritual matters but vulnerable)**
- **teachers (will get away with it for awhile but..)**

Teachers

- **2Tim 3:10-13 (NLT)**

But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance. You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured. You know all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra-but the Lord rescued me from all of it. Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived.

- **How do you know which teachers to trust?**
 - **Know what they teach, how they live, & purpose of life, etc.**
- **BTW, those who want to live a godly life will be persecuted**
- **Evil impostors will flourish – note deception**

Trust

- **2Tim 3:14 (NLT)**

But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you.

- **One key to the Last Days!**

- **Do you trust those who taught you? Cell? church?**
- **Can't just know what they teach, but you have to know them..**
- **Are they living a life of godliness? Or are they impostors?**
- **Is about relationship isn't it? Cell community (basic Christian community), relationships, b/c in last days people will betray one another (Mat 24)**

Challenge For the Week

- **What did the Lord speak to you today (via the message)?**
- **How can you prepare for the Last Days in**
 - **Living with power for godliness**
 - **Getting rid of the love for selves & money plus...**
- **Next Week:**
 - **Report any testimony**