

4 Ways to Live for God in the End Times

Living In The Last Days – Part 2

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In the Last Days

- **People will grow colder** (Matthew 24:12-13)
- **Truth will be twisted** (1 Timothy 4:1)
- **Faith will be tested** (Matthew 24:9-10)

Acts 2:17a (NIV) *“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.”*

God calls us to be faithful.

Acts 17:2-4 (NIV) *“As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. ‘This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,’ he said. ⁴ Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.”*

How to Live When Time Is Short

1. **Speak boldly: Declare Christ even when it costs you.**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-2 (NIV) *“You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. ² We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you His gospel in the face of strong opposition.”*

**Boldness doesn’t mean you’re never afraid.
It means your conviction is bigger than your fear.**

2. **Live purely: Live to honor God, not to please people.**

1 Thessalonians 2:4-6a (NIV) *“On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. **We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.** ⁵ You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. ⁶ We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else.”*

**The biggest danger to your faith is
living for the approval of people.**

When you step out in faith, the opposition steps in.

3. **Love deeply: We don’t just share the gospel;
we share our lives.**

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 (NIV) *“Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, ⁸ so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.”*

Romans 12:12-15 (NIV) *“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”*

4. Endure faithfully: Stand firm when the pressure is greatest.

1 Thessalonians 3:7-8 (NIV) *“Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. ⁸ For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord.”*

Ephesians 6:13 (NIV) *“Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”*

When the pressure is the greatest, God's presence is the closest.

Hebrews 13:5b (NIV) *“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”*

Romans 8:28, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, Matthew 18:20, Proverbs 27:17

Four Application Questions.

- **Where is God calling me to share my faith, even if it costs me?**
- **When do I care more about pleasing people than pleasing God?**
- **Who have I kept at a distance that God is calling me to love?**

Luke 9:23 (NIV) *“Then He said to them all: ‘Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me.’”*

Galatians 2:20 (NIV) *“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”*

Romans 13:8 (NIV) *“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to **love one another**, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.”*

Matthew 10:39, 1 Peter 4:10

- **What trial is God using to strengthen my faith?**

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 (NIV) *“May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May He strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all His holy ones.”*