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2 Timothy

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Week 9: The Last Days,
Lovers of Self, Avoiding

General Book Outline

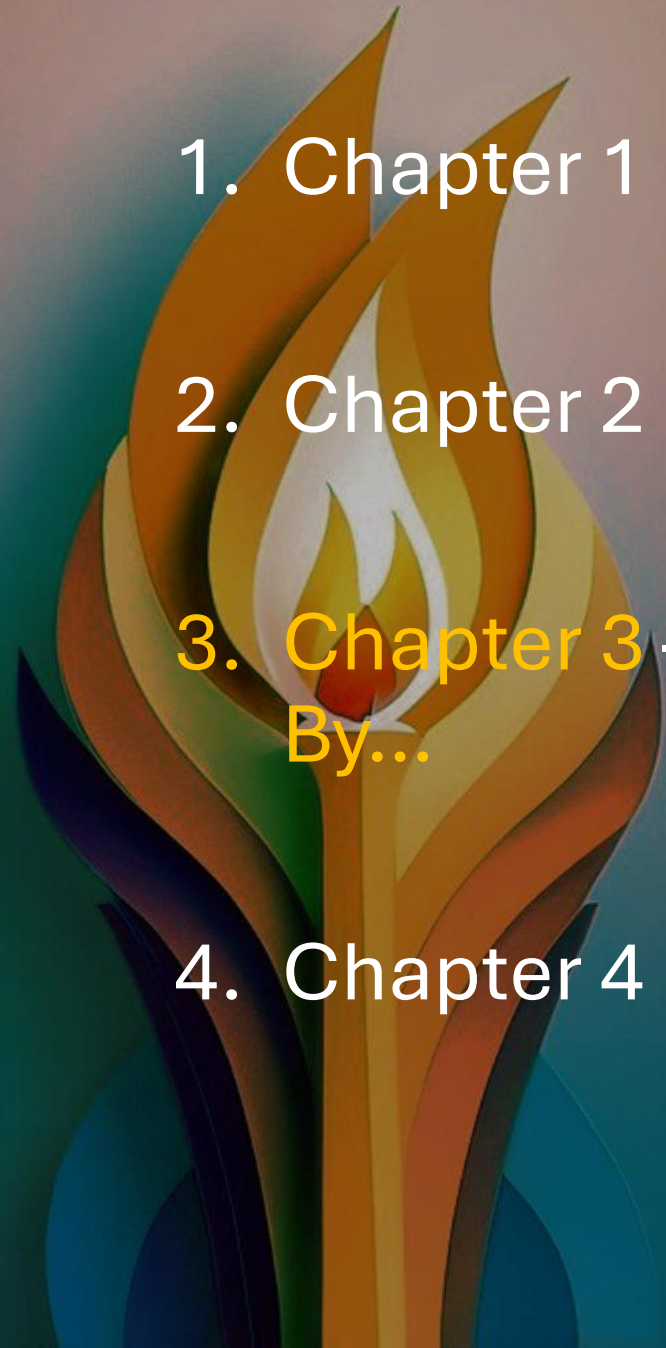
“The Call to _____ for the Gospel”

1. Chapter 1 -- ...Suffer...

2. Chapter 2 -- ...Endure...

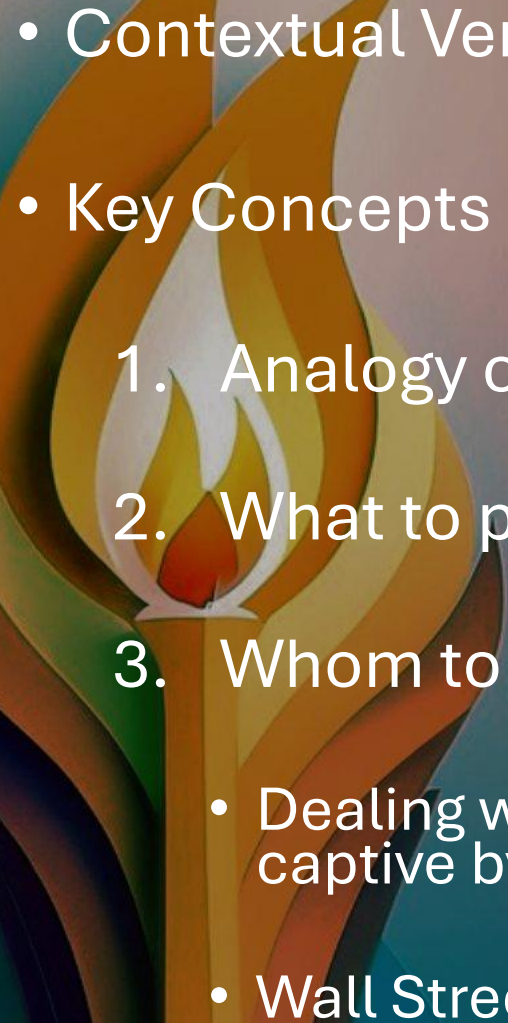
3. Chapter 3 – ...Be Strengthened
By...

4. Chapter 4 -- ...Preach...



Week 8: Quick Review

Last Week's Main Topics

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- Contextual Verse (2:20)
 - Key Concepts
 1. Analogy of the vessels
 2. What to pursue & to refuse
 3. Whom to correct & how (sort of)
 - Dealing with “...having been held captive by him to do his will.”
 - Wall Street Journal article discussion

John Calvin's Summary of 3:1-5

“[Perilous times] are not warfare, disease, calamities, or ills, but wicked, depraved ways of men.”

Look at Matt 24:3-14 and Luke 18:8 for comparison

“The ability to do miracles by the power of darkness and the willingness to receive them as authentic will characterize the end times.” – D. Guzik

'Last Days Ministries' & Late, Great Planet Earth

“Eschatology...”

Let's compare to other passages

New Testament

- 2Thes 2:1-3a (hasn't happened yet)
- John 12:47-48 (judgment is intrinsic)

Old Testament

- Malachi 4:1, 5
- Joel 2:1-2
- Amos 5:18-20
- Obadiah v15
- Zeph 1:7-18
- What ways do we go wrong mapping out 'the end times' (like Hal Lindsey, et al)?

Paul's Three Main Condemnations

of those in the last days....

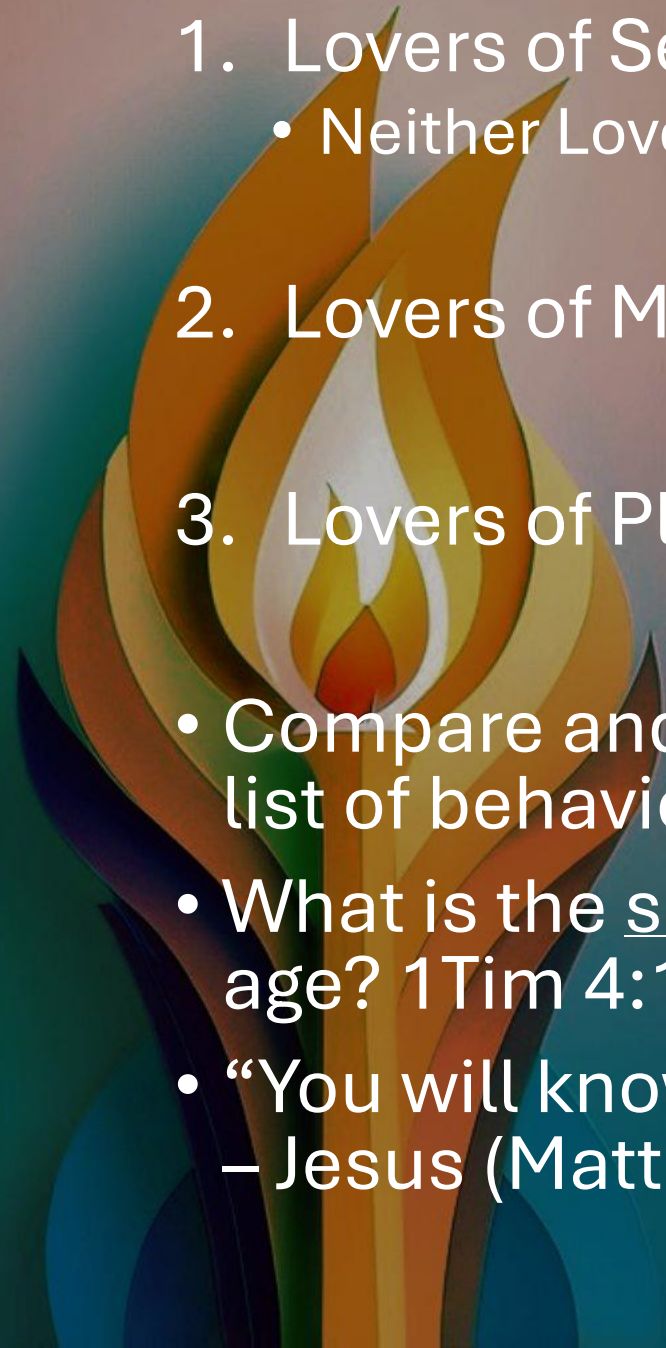
1. Lovers of Self (v1) chiefly

- Neither Lovers of God nor Family

2. Lovers of Money (v1)

3. Lovers of Pleasure (v4)

- Compare and contrast 1Cor 5:11ff list of behaviors
- What is the spirit empowering the age? 1Tim 4:1
- “You will know the tree by its fruit...”
– Jesus (Matt 7:15-20)



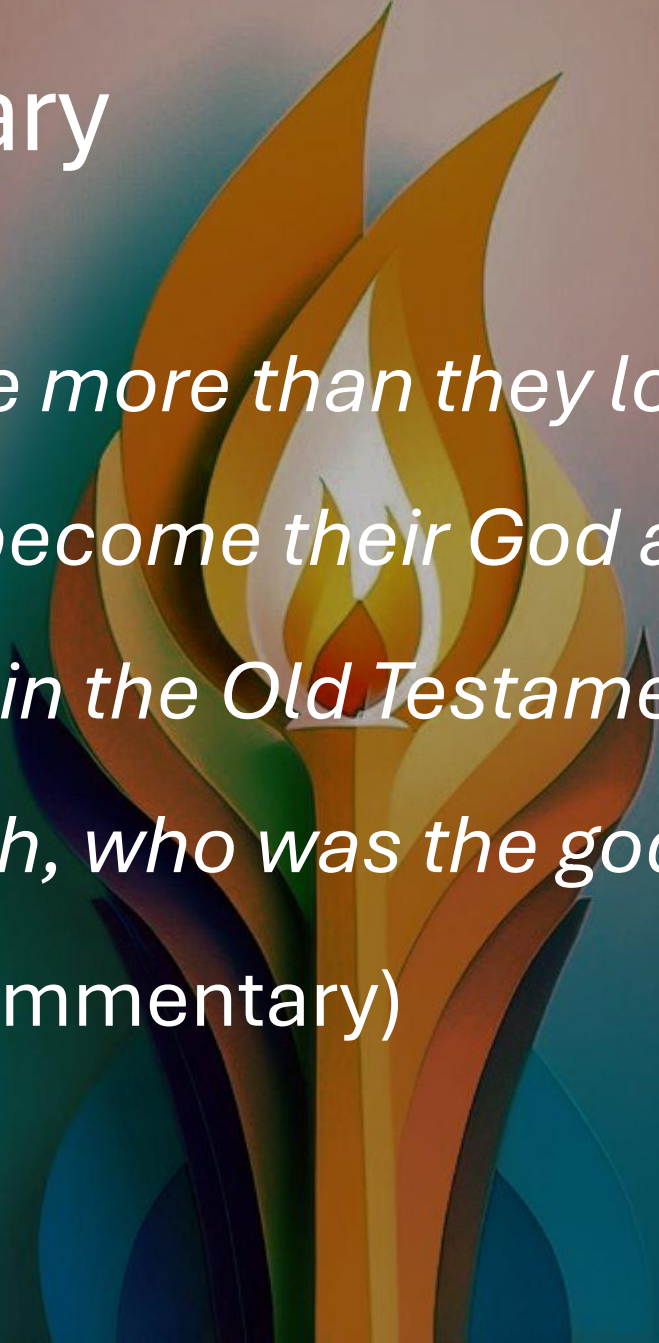
It's All Greek... “a/an” = *apart from/without* “phil” = *love of*

Verse	Greek	Literal; other translations
2	Philantos	Lovers of self; intent only on own interests; narcissistic, selfish
2	Philargyros	Lovers of money; avaricious; covetous Pharisees Lk 16:14
2	Alazon	Empty pretenders; boasters; braggarts
2	Hyperephanos	Exalting themselves while despising others; contemptuous
2	Blasphemos	Speaking against God and men; railers (KJV); reproachful
2	Apiethes goneus	Disobedient or uncompliant to parents
2	Acharistos	Thankless or ungrateful
2	Anosios	Unholy/impious/wicked
3	Astorgos	Without natural affection; inhuman; hardhearted
3	Aspondos	Unable to make a treaty with; implacable

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Verse	Greek	Literal; other translations
3	Diabolos	Slandorous or falsely accusing
3	Anemeros	Lacking any self control; intemperate
3	Aphilagathos	Despisers of those who are doing good
4	Prodites	Betrayers or traitors
4	Propetes	Rash or reckless
4	Typhoo	Puffed up or high-minded; proud; arrogant
4	Philedonos	Lovers of pleasure
4	Ne philotheos	Not lovers of God
5		Holding to a form of godliness, but denying its power
Σ	Apostasy	Total desertion of principles of faith

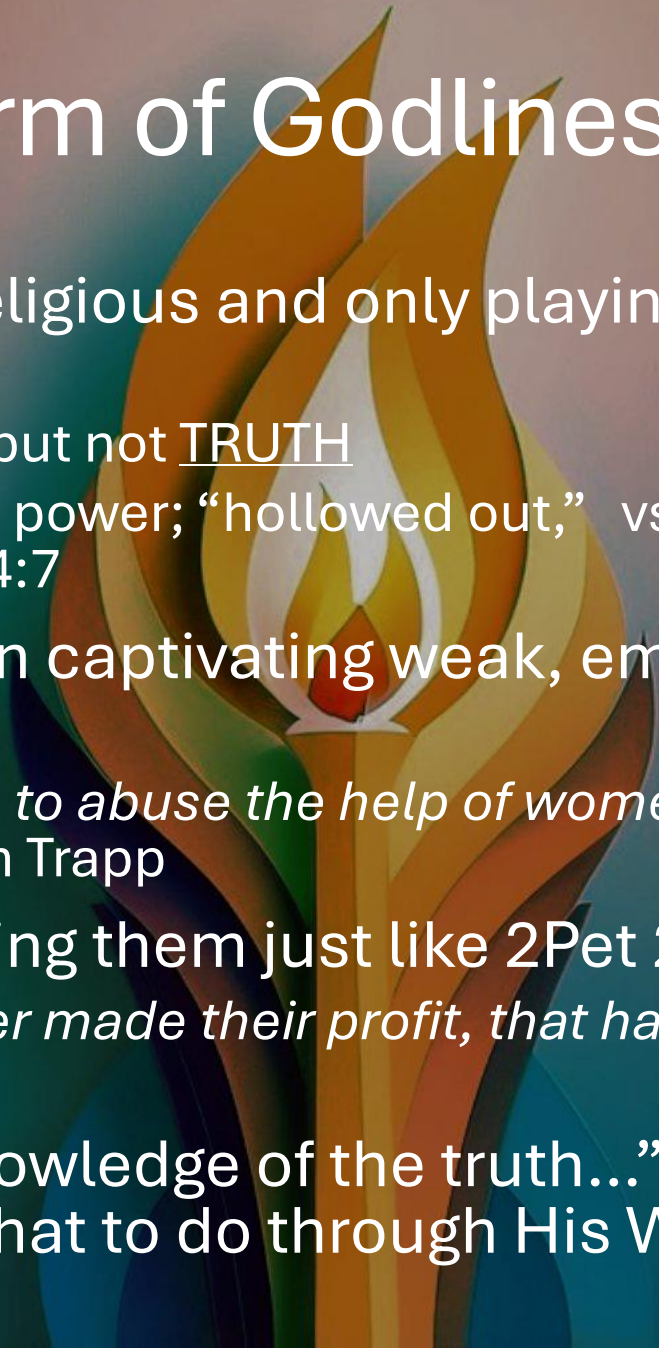
General Summary



- *“They love pleasure more than they love God; that's the indictment. It has become their God and thus, they are [as] guilty as those in the Old Testament who were worshipping Molech, who was the god of pleasure.”*
-- Chuck Smith (Commentary)

“Holding to a form of Godliness...” V5

- Hypocrites – acting all religious and only playing at devotion as a means to their desired end
 - May display intelligence but not TRUTH
 - ...lacking in substance or power; “hollowed out,” vs. “...we have this treasure in earthen vessels...” 2Cor 4:7
- False humility – the key in captivating weak, emotional women
 - Fundamental insincerity
 - *“It is the guise of heretics to abuse the help of women, to spread their poisonous opinions.”* -- Puritan John Trapp
- Taking captives – exploiting them just like 2Pet 2:3’s false teachers
 - *“Of women they have ever made their profit, that have attempted any innovation in religion,”* Trapp writes
- “Never coming to the knowledge of the truth...” = “deny[ing] that God has the *power* to tell them what to do through His Word.” – David Guzik



“...avoid such men as these.” V5

Not, “..seek out these men and take to them the power of the Gospel”

- Possibly because Timothy is charged with finding leaders

Criteria for avoidance

“...We must not tarry with those men who resist the truth not from simple ignorance, but from a perverse mind... – John Calvin”

1. Counterfeit – ex: Jannes and Jambres in Exodus 7:10-12
 - Names by Jewish tradition, poss. via a Babylonian Talmud reference
2. Misguided -- Simon *Magis* comes to mind in Acts 8:14-20
 - “...may your silver perish with you...”
3. Mis-motivated -- 1 Tim 6:5b
 - “...who suppose that religion (lit.) is a means of gain.”

Jannes & Jambres

Beware of end times miracles...

Exodus 7:10-12
Exodus 7:20-22
Exodus 8:5-7

Who were they?

What miracles do they counterfeit?

What is their end?

To whom are they parallel?



Tactics of the spirit behind The Last Days V7,8

- 1Tim 4:1 “...seducing spirits, doctrines of demons; speaking lies in hypocrisy, ...”
 - Goal: to lure believing Christians away from their faith before the end
- Promotes a type of intellectual curiosity with few demands, no language of sacrifice, and crediting God with great benevolence
 - Promotes flab, not muscle, emotional excitement, and “the new”
- Operates under false pretenses / appears to be one thing (religious) but is actually another (secular)
- Stoops to capture the weak-minded and unprotected
 - Burdened with sins
 - Swayed by impulses
 - Willing to listen without discernment

Whom to Avoid!

Doesn't sound very accepting...

It's a command!

Some Paul corrects (2Tim), some he ends up “delivering over to Satan...” (1Cor 5:5)

Should we do the same as Paul or is there a third option?

How do we know whom to avoid, correct, or deliver over?

By their actions?

By their ideas?

Last Week Recap: 2008 WSJ Article

What to do with those in opposition
inside the church?

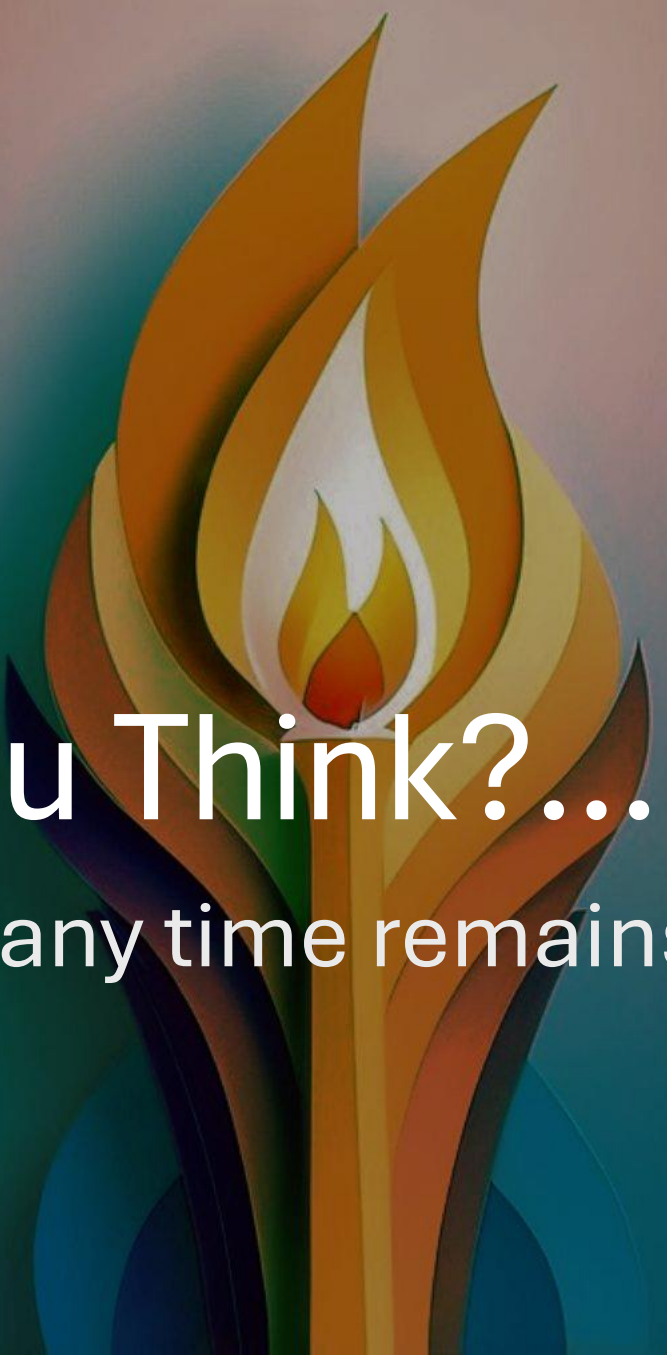


1. Nothing
 - ‘Come as you are / stay as you are’
2. Leave it to leadership
3. Set/enforce some boundaries in by-laws
 - How do you know which ones?
4. Take it into your own hands
5. Other: Your idea / experience

Faith Church Membership Covenant (excerpts)

- ☐ By God's grace, I will endeavor to live true to God's Word and refrain from that which is destructive to the Christian life and dishonorable to God.
- ☐ I understand that I am placing myself under the authority of the Elders for spiritual development of my life and conduct.

Furthermore, I am in agreement with this church's policy on Biblical church discipline as so stated in the By-laws IV, Section 2 of the Constitution. I understand that should I or any member **enter into willful sin and refuse to repent**, the Elders will lovingly carry out the full course of discipline according to Matthew 18 (see by-laws IV.2.c); whether or not such member ceases attending services and/or drops their membership in the course of discipline.



What Do You Think?...

(if by some fluke any time remains)

