

Don't Give In To Society's Pressure

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Text

2Tim.3:1-5

Objective

1. To be aware that perilous times and Godlessness shall come in the last days
2. To teach us not to give in to societys pressure
3. To be able to endure the difficulties in life

Introduction

You will never be the person you can be if pressure, tension, and discipline are taken out of your life. It does not matter how great the pressure is, it matters only where the pressure lies-whether it comes between you and God, or whether it presses you closer to His heart.

Illustration: Daniels 3 friends – ask to conform so we not be pressured but

Refused- Daniel 3:4-12

Joseph was ask to conform but refused –Gen 39: 7-10

1) Characteristics of Mankind 2 Tim.3:1-5

Lovers of themselves - self centered

Lovers of Money-greedy

Boasters-egotistical

Proud-arrogant

Blasphemers-evil speakers

Disobedient to parents- rebellious

Unthankful-lack of appreciation;ungrateful

Unholy-irreverent

Unloving-hard-hearted

Unforgiving-refusing to make peace

Slanderers-spreading false and malicious word

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Without self control-uncontrolled passions

Brutal-w/o mercy

Haters of good

Treacherous-betrayal

Rash-conceited

Lovers of pleasure rather than God-those who love sensual pleasures but not God

2) The Believers Warning

Many are going to claim to be Christians, having a form of Godliness but denying its power (ex.Jannes and Jambres)

It is an evidence that believers can give in to pressure of the world.

3) Things To Do When Pressured By Society To Follow Its Lead

P----- pray (psalms 50:15;jer.33:3)

R-----revive (psalms 19:7;85:6)

E-----earnestly seek the will of the God (2 chro.7:14;deut.4:29)

S----seek first the kingdom of God (matt.6:33;isa.55:6-7)

S----submit yourself to God (james.4:7)

U---urge yourself to use your Faith (james:2:17)

R---renew your mind (rom.12:2)

E—encouraged (Eph.6:10;phil4:13)

Conclusion

Apostle Paul gives an advice to Timothy and so with us that we must pursue righteousness,godliness,faith,love,endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of Faith (1Tim 6:11-12).Take hold of the eternal life to w/c you were called. Don't give in to societys pressure!!!

Moses on pressure- Heb 11:24-26