

# THE PASTORAL EPISTLES

## I & II Timothy, Titus and Philemon

### “God Speaks to His Church”

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#### *The End Times—2 Timothy 3:1-9* August 15, 2010

#### **CONTEXT: Paul’s warning about the Truth**

- Handle accurately the Word of Truth (2:15)
- Guard against those who forsake the Truth (2:16-18)
- Gently correct opposition to lead them to the Truth (2:26)

#### **I. The Truth about the End Times (v. 1)**

##### **A. When are the *last days*?**

- Acts 2:17; Hebrews 1:2; 2 Peter 3:3

##### **B. What about the time before the End?**

- Mark 13:19-23; 2 Thessalonians 2:3; Revelation 13

##### **C. What will happen to many *believers*?**

- Matthew 24:10-12; 2 Peter 3:3; Jude 17-19

#### **APPLICATION: Are you cruising toward apostasy?**

#### **II. The Truth about people’s character in the End Times (vs. 2-5)**

##### **A. Bookends:** Lovers of self and pleasure rather than lovers of God

##### **B. Lovers of self:** Love of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers

##### **C. Haters of family:** Disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable

##### **D. Narcissistic in relationships:** Malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited

##### **E. Living out a Christless *Christianity* (v. 5)**

##### **F. Command:** Separate yourself from these hardened hearts (v. 5)

#### **APPLICATION: Which of these do you need to repent of at the Cross?**

#### **III. The Truth about False Teachers in the End Times (vs. 6-9)**

##### **A. Manipulative with weak women (vs. 6-7) — 2 Timothy 2:25**

##### **B. Opposed to the truth of the Gospel (v. 8) — Exodus 7:11**

##### **C. The Truth of the Gospel will cut them off (v. 9) — 1 Cor. 1:18-20**

#### **APPLICATION: Who has God brought into your life who needs to see and hear the Truth of the Gospel through your life?**