



TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Noble Lives and Terrible Times

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We are in terrible times

*But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people. They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these teachers oppose the truth. They are men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone. **2 Timothy 3:1-9 (NIV)***

What should we do in terrible times?

Fight the Good Fight: Live noble lives in terrible times

*You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. **2 Timothy 3:10-13 (NIV)***

Reflection Questions:

- 1) What is your reaction to the statement: We live in terrible times?
- 2) Where do you see terrible times in the world right now?
- 3) Are you surrounding yourself with noble or terrible purposes/people?
- 4) What areas of your life are terrible right now and need to change?
- 5) What would living a noble life look like for you?
- 6) What practical steps do you need to take to begin living a more noble life?