

**Becoming Authentic Disciples Part 8
Fatherly Advice About The Future**

- **2 Timothy 2:24-26 (NIV)**
- **²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. ²⁵ Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.**

Preparing for Difficult times Ahead

- **2 Timothy 3:1-4 (MSG)**
- **Don't be naive. There are difficult times ahead. ² As the end approaches, people are going to be self-absorbed, money-hungry, self-promoting, stuck-up, profane, contemptuous of parents, crude, coarse, ³ dog-eat-dog, unbending, slanderers, impulsively wild, savage, cynical, ⁴ treacherous, ruthless, bloated windbags, addicted to lust, and allergic to God.**

- **Self absorbed**
- **Money hungry**
- **Self-promoting, stuck-up, bloated windbags (proud)**
- **Profane, crude, coarse (abusive)**
- **Contemptuous of parents**
- **Dog-eat-dog, unbending, slanders (without self control)**
- **Impulsively wild, savage, cynical**
- **Treacherous, ruthless**
- **Addicted to lust and allergic to God**

Be Discerning of People and Spirits

- 1 Corinthians 12:10-11 (NKJV)
- ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.
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- 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 (NIV)
- ¹⁹ Do not put out the Spirit's fire; ²⁰ do not treat prophecies with contempt. ²¹ Test everything. Hold on to the good.
- 2 Timothy 3:5 (NLT)
- ⁵ They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. You must stay away from people like that.

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- 2 Timothy 3:6-7 (NIV)
- ⁶ They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, ⁷ always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.

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- Proverbs 1:8-10 (NIV)
- ⁸ Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. ⁹ They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck. ¹⁰ My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them.

Being a Good Example

- 2 Timothy 3:10-11 (NIV)
- ¹⁰ You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹ 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.

Being a Good Example

- 1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)
- ¹ Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

- 2 Timothy 3:12 (NIV)
- ¹² In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

Knowing and Applying the Scriptures

- 2 Timothy 3:15-16 (NIV)
- ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

Knowing and Applying The Scriptures

- Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)
- ¹² For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.










