

“LAST DAY’S PEOPLE” CHARACTERISTICS (UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR)

2 Tim 3:1-8 - **This know also**, that in the last days **PERILOUS TIMES SHALL COME**. 2 For **MEN SHALL BE** lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, BUT denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. KJV

1. * lovers of their own selves - philautos (fil'-ow-tos) fond of self, i.e. selfish:	Your <u>sole purpose</u> for everything is for self, including serving God. Your purpose for giving is to receive the accolades and the feelings. You back down in situations, not because you are trying to be a peaceful person, but because you don't want to deal with them. The ground you stand on is you!!!
2. * covetous - philarguros (fil-ar'-goo-ros) fond of silver (money), i.e. materialistic:	Financial gain, worship of wealth. You look to money as “the source” not recognizing God as “the true source” and money is just “a resource”. Your love for stuff is your driving force. You either over spend or over save.
3. * boastful – alazon (al-ad-zone') braggart or showoff:	You do or say things so other will see it and <u>compliment and credit you</u> . Being <u>self-confident</u> , you see you as the power with God as a help at times.
4. * proud - huperephanos (hoop-er-ay'-fan-os) appearing above others (noticeable), i.e. (figuratively) haughty:	<u>You set</u> your own standards and lines and rarely go below it, not allowing God to be the standard.
5. * blasphemers - blasphemos (blas'-fay-mos) insulting, i.e. Making false statement with malicious intent (against men), or (specially) impious (against God): (Not showing proper respect for God)	The act of insulting or showing contempt or lack of reverence to God, sacred things, or toward something considered sacred.
6. * disobedient (to their parents) - apeithes (ap-i-thace') unpersuadable, i.e. Very resistant to authority:	Not teaching authority. Raising children on desire and self-centeredness and not on Godliness.
7. * unthankful - acharistos (ach-ar'-is-tos) thankless, i.e. ungrateful	Only thanking God for things that fit your standards, not being thankful for everything you have (including the undesirable). Feeling you deserve more or better. Not realizing what you really deserve.
8. * unholy - anosios (an-os'-ee-os) Unholy	The aim is not to be like Christ. Not seeing God as Sacred. Not living purely for God. Taking away or adding to what God says.
9. * Without natural affection - astorgos (as'-tor-gos) a presumed derivative of stergo (to cherish affectionately); hard-hearted towards kindred: (lacking even <u>natural love</u>)	Not showing <u>natural love</u> . Like love for family. A parent ignoring or incorrectly raising their child. Abortion. Rejecting love ones for selfish reasons.
10. * trucebreakers - aspondos (as'-pon-dos) Unpeaceful, unforgiving, truceless:	Holding grudges. Not desiring apology or resolution.
11. * false accusers - diabolos (dee-ab'-ol-os) to say very critical or disparaging things about somebody or something;	Saying something about someone else (whether true or false) with the wrong intent.
12. * incontinent - akrates (ak-rat'-ace) powerless, i.e. without self-control :	Not watching and being in control of everything you do. Allowing your feelings to control you.
13. * fierce - anemeros (an-ay'-mer-os) savage: (2Pet 2:12, jude 10)	No control or responsibility, react as animals with instinct without thinking
14. despisers of those that are good - aphilagathos (af-il-ag'-ath-os) hostile to virtue:	Things that are “good” do not appeal to you. Usually things that are desirable are what appeal to you.
15. * Traitors - prodotes (prod-ot'-ace) (giving forward into the enemy's hands); a surrender:	Spiritually irresponsible, easily swayed.
16. * heady – propetes (prop-et-ace') falling forward, i.e. impulsive (figuratively, hasty, rash):	Doesn't think things through, just reacts. Emotionally lead.
17. * highminded - tuphoo (toof-o'-o) To envelop with smoke, i.e. (figuratively) to inflate with self-conceit :	Thinking Highly of self. Not measured by what God says but by how you perceive you. Poor parenting will raise a child with this self-focus. Product of a Worldly relationship.
18. * lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God – philhedonos (fil-ay'-don-os) fond of pleasure, i.e. voluptuous: Philotheos (fil-oth'-eh-os) fond of God, i.e. pious:	full of, characterized by, or ministering to, indulgence in luxury, pleasure, and sensuous enjoyment instead of glorifying God. You live for how you feel not by what HE says. Pursuing “feeling good” instead of “being God”.

<p>19. Form - morphosis (mor'-fo-sis); formation, i.e. (by implication) appearance (semblance or [concretely] formula):</p> <p>Godliness - eusebeia (yoo-seb'-i-ah); piety; specially, the gospel scheme:</p> <p>Denying - arneomai (ar-neh'-om-ah-ee); to contradict, i.e. disavow, reject:</p> <p>Power - dunamis (doo'-nam-is); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself):</p>	<p>Wants to be seen as a Christian but does not live by Faith.</p> <p>Clearly <u>know</u> what the Bible says but <u>don't LIVE</u> it is denying the power.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoiding instruction from God so you don't have to do it. • Receiving instruction from God with very little or no intent on doing it.
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Because of man living self-centered it's distorting how they receive the lifesaving Word - 2 Tim 4:3-4 - 3 For the time will come when men will not put up with **SOUND DOCTRINE**. Instead, **TO SUIT THEIR OWN DESIRES**, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what **THEIR ITCHING EARS WANT TO HEAR**. 4 They will turn their ears **away from the truth** and turn **aside to myths**.
Sound - hugiaino (hoog-ee-ah'-ee-no); to be uncorrupt (true in doctrine): **be whole**.

The Church leadership is tasked with one major thing that MUST BE DONE...PREACH THE WORD - 2 Tim 4:1-2 - In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, **I give you this charge**: 2 **PREACH THE WORD**; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction.

USING GOD'S WORD HOW DO WE AVOID BECOMING SELF-CENTERED

Jesus Warned from the beginning what must be done to truly accept HIM as our Savior - Matt 16:24-26 - 24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "if anyone would come after me, HE MUST deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save his life WILL lose it, but whoever loses his life for me WILL find it. 26 What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, YET forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?

***What Christ didn't say is, "Do for others", but what He said was, "Deny self". When we do for others without denying self then self gets in the way. When we deny self it's done solely for God.**

In our walk we must guard our souls - Prov 22:5 In the paths of the wicked lie thorns and snares, but he who guards his soul stays far from them.

In our walk we must guard our hearts daily - Prov 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

True Christians completely offer themselves to God, stop following the world and are transformed by God - Rom 12:1-2 - Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Continue to monitor how you live and what you live by. After making sure it's right continue in them no matter what - 1 Tim 4:16 **WATCH** your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Live your life in reverence for God - Phil 2:12-13 - 12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

We must control our behavior –

1 Thess 5:6-9 - 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be ALERT and SELF-CONTROLLED. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be SELF-CONTROLLED, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:13-16 - 13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be SELF-CONTROLLED; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "**Be holy, because I am holy.**"

We must train our children to do the same - Prov 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.