



Signs of the Last Days

2 Timothy 3:1-9

- 1) The "last days" began w/ Christ (3:1; cf. Heb. 1:1-2; 1 Pet. 1:20)
 - a) Beginning: creation to Abraham
 - b) Middle: Abraham to Christ
 - c) Last days: Christ to Rapture
 - d) End times: Rapture to 2nd coming
 - e) New beginning: Millennium to eternity
- 2) The last days are "difficult times" (2-4)
 - a) Folks love what they should hate; hate what they should love
 - b) Man isn't getting better but worse
 - c) The earth is not our problem; our depravity is
- 3) The last days are full of deceptive teachers (5-9)
 - a) Their form of godliness is not godly but human
 - i) Forbidding God-given gifts (cf. 1 Tim. 4:3)
 - ii) Talking a good talk but living like heathens
 - b) They seek the weak, door-to-door
 - c) They oppose the truth
 - d) They have a limited shelf life
- 4) Observations & applications
 - a) Ministry in our depraved world is difficult. Accept it.
 - b) Evil has infiltrated the church. Confront it.
 - c) False teachers are clever but deceptive. Avoid them.
 - c) The wicked occupy positions of power. Endure them.