

“Unthankful” - Strong's G884 - acharistos - “ungracious - unpleasing - unthankful”

Yet another mark of the “last days” is ingratitude. Again, this is abundantly evident throughout the world.

Many walk about with an attitude of entitlement. Often, when such people are given something... they do not say “thank you”. In fact, one can regularly witness an event like this...

- * A person is given something...
- * They do not say “thank you”...
- * Rather they say something like, “Is that all?” or “I wanted the red one!”

Again, this is far too evident in Christian circles as well. Many are not thankful for what God has given them.

One example is in the realm of “body life”. As Christians we are part of the body of Christ and we are supposed to be lifting each other up. Often we can hear Christians tearing each other down... gossiping... backbiting. This is especially true when it comes to spiritual leadership.

We are supposed to be a blessing to our leaders... often, we are a pain in the neck! Ask yourself this question, “What does my pastor think of me? Am I a blessing to him or an irritation?”

Are we thankful to God for everything?

“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

“Unholy” - Strong's G462 - anosios - “unholy, impious, wicked”

Once again, we see wickedness rampant throughout the world. They call evil good and good they call evil.

But what about in the church?

For many Christians this question can be answered by examining our entertainment. What do we watch on TV? Is it holy? What about movies? Are they holy? How about our music? Is it holy?

What we as Christians do externally does NOT **make us holy**. However, it does **reflect what we have on the inside**. If we are the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ... it **WILL SHOW** on the outside. That is what the Bible says...

“Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.” (1 John 3:7)

Conclusion:

We are assuredly in the “last days”.

Today we can clearly see that the things the Bible warns about are happening all around us. All too often, the very things we are instructed to avoid, some Christians encourage us to embrace!

Here is what true Christians must do...

*“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: **from such turn away.**”* (2 Timothy 3:5)

* Strong's - this is a reference to the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance which provides definitions for every word in the Bible.

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Perilous Times!

Last Days Warnings!

Part 2

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*“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.**”*
(2 Timothy 3:1-5)

This is the second part in this series. We are examining these signs of the perilous times in which we live. Each message is a review of some of these “last days” indicators.

Sadly, many of these signs of the end times have crept into the realms of Christianity today. Often, the church **teaches** and **endorses what the Bible warns AGAINST.**

The real church must not embrace the ways of the world!

The key for true Christians to remember is that we must recognize these signs and **KEEP AWAY** from people who embrace and promote them. The last two words of the passage quoted above are “turn away”. This phrase means...

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“Turn away” - Strong's G665 - apotrepo - “to turn one's self away from - to shun, avoid”

True Christians should shun and avoid attachments to those who fall into these categories and to the philosophies and ideas that endorse these types of pursuits.

In Part 2 of this series we are going to study the following characteristics of the “last days”. “Blasphemers”, “Disobedient to parents”, “Unthankful”, and “Unholy”.

“Blasphemers” - Strong's G989 - blasphemōs - “speaking evil, slanderous, reproachful, railing, abusive”

“Blasphemers” specifically speaking is to be abusive and reproachful against the One True God... the God of the Bible. This is abundantly clear throughout the world. Laws are passed that ridicule God and His Word. People in parts of the world are arrested and killed for holding onto Jesus. There is much evidence of blasphemy around the world.

But what about within Christianity? Surely this is one sign of the “last days” that is missing from the church, isn't it?

“For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.” (Romans 2:24)

“Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.” (1 Timothy 6:1)

“To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.” (Titus 2:5)

The Bible indicates that it is possible for believers to be “blasphemers”. Above are three warnings from the Word of God to Christians about blasphemous behavior.

Each of these examples is in the context of **sound doctrine**. There is no shortage of blasphemy to be found in the realms of Christendom today. The doctrines of God are constantly called into question.

One can quote a Scripture with no commentary and hear another Christian say, “Well, God did not mean that!”

True Christians must shun and avoid those who blaspheme the Word of God. We must reject those who call the integrity of the Bible into question.

“Disobedient” - Strong's G545 - apeithēs - “impersuasive, not compliant, disobedient, contumacious”

“To parents” - Strong's G1118 - goneus - “fathers, parent, the parents”

“Disobedient to parents” is a phrase that comes from two Greek words and essentially means non-compliant to one's parents. With the emphasis being on fathers as you can see from the definition of this word “goneus” above.

In our world today, especially the Western world, children being disobedient is rampant. Children are

taught to be their own person, to think for themselves. Schools and friends guide children to “self-awareness” and “self-actualization”.

Is there an application to the Christian home? **Definitely!**

By example, many Christian parents demonstrate disobedience. Parent's will often **justify disobedience to the Bible**, and **in doing so they teach their children to disobey also**.

If God is our Heavenly Father and we make it acceptable to disobey Him and His Word in some areas, we lead our children by example into disobeying us as their parents.

God takes this so seriously, that under the Law of Moses this type of disobedience could result in the death penalty!

PRAISE JESUS! He paid the penalty for our sins; therefore, there is in no longer any need of such severe penalties for disobedience. This Old Testament example shows how serious disobedience to parents is according to God.

If we justify disobeying our **perfect Heavenly Father**... how easy will it be to justify disobeying our **imperfect earthly parents**.

True Christian children should avoid those who are disobedient to their parents. Bad company corrupts good morals.

“Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.” (1 Corinthians 15:33)
