

HE NEVER SAID IT WOULD BE EASY

2 Timothy 3:1-13

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*But realize this, that in the last days **difficult times** will come.*

2 Timothy 3:1

What does the Lord say about living in the last days?

1. The days will become increasingly violent and dangerous.

But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].

2 Timothy 3:1 AMP

A. God wants us to understand the times.

B. God wants us to understand man without the fear of God.

Sin whispers to the wicked, deep within their hearts. They have no fear of God at all. Psalm 36:1 NLT

2. The days will see a rise in false teachers and false teaching.

And many false prophets will arise and mislead many. Matthew 24:11

A. These people will oppose the truth.

B. Christians must not be spiritually weak and undiscerning.

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 1 John 4:1

3. The days will require Christians to be good soldiers.

Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:3

A. Good soldiers endure hardships and persecutions.

B. Good soldiers don't quit.

C. Good soldiers experience divine deliverance.

*... what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord
delivered me! 2 Timothy 3:11*

*The Lord will deliver me from every evil deed, and will bring me
safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory
forever and ever. Amen. 2 Timothy 4:18*

He never said it would be easy, He said...

He would be with you, and it would be worth it!