



~ Thought For The Day ~

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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord guide us in this coming week as to God's will for us and plans. Help us to be a living witness each day with our daily living. Keep us, protect us and bless us and grant us favor. I pray that whatever we set our hands to bears fruit to God's glory and honor. Place people across our spirit whom to pray for and whom to bless. Give us all peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Worship Music

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Scripture

2 Timothy 3 (2005)

2 Timothy 3:1-17 (KJV)

- ¹This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- ²For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- ³Without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
- ⁴Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
- ⁵Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
- ⁶For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,
- ⁷Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- ⁸Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.
- ⁹But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was.
- ¹⁰But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,
- ¹¹Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of *them* all the Lord delivered me.
- ¹²Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.
- ¹³But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.
- ¹⁴But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*;
- ¹⁵And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- ¹⁶All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- ¹⁷That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

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The coming apostasy (vv. 1-14). The determined effort of mankind to corrupt the Gospel and thwart the work of Christ is one of the themes of the New Testament. It is spoken of again and again (Matthew 7:15-23; 2 Thessalonians 2; 2 Timothy 4:2; 2 Peter 2: Jude; Revelation 17). The terrible picture in vv. 2-5 is, with the exception of temporary periods of reform, a fairly correct picture of the visible church as a whole until this present time.

Jannes and Jambres (v. 8) are, according to tradition, the names of the magicians of Pharaoh (Exodus 7:11-22). Lystra (v. 11) is where Paul was stoned. It was also the home of Timothy, who may have witnessed the stoning of Paul. "Everyone....will be persecuted" (v. 12); we are told this over and over (Matthew 5:10-12; John 15:20; Acts 14:22; 1 Thessalonians 3:4), so that we may be prepared for it when it comes.

The Bible (vv. 14-17) is the one antidote against apostasy and corruption in and of the church. The church pushed the Bible aside and brought on the Dark Ages. The Protestant Reformation rediscovered the Bible, but now it is again neglected. Many prominent church leaders not only neglect the Bible, but with great intellectual pride resort, in the name of modern scholarship, to every conceivable means to undermine its divine origin and toss it aside as a patchwork of Hebrew thought. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; history & commentaries; page 844)

This Chapter describes people in the world today. Jannes and Jambres are thought to be two of the magicians who tried to defeat Moses in Pharaoh's court. Christians suffer persecution for Christ, because the world is hostile to God. Scriptures must be read in context in order to receive the benefits Paul lists there. (New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; notes and commentaries; page 136)

Just as Paul predicted long ago when he wrote 2 Timothy 3:1, 2, we live in an unthankful and ungrateful generation. It seems the more people have, the less they appreciate.

As believers, we are in the world, but we must strive not to be like it. The more others around us complain, the more we should express gratitude to God.

Does it seem to you that we are living in perilous times? Think of the world around you as you read 2 Timothy 3:1-5; you probably see evidence of many of the vices described. In times such as these, you must stand strong in the truth of God's Word and have nothing to do with people who seem religious but do not exhibit true godliness or

Second Timothy 3:12 tells us that we will suffer persecution as believers. Satan brings opposition, trouble, trials, and tribulations in the hope of driving us away from God. If we intend to succeed at being victorious believers and being all God wants us to be, we must be prepared to stand strong in times of persecution.

If we will stay standing on the inside, God will take care of the outside. If we do what we can do, God will do what we cannot do.

Though written by men, all of Scripture is divinely inspired (literally, God-breathed), and it is our authority and rule for faith and life (see 2 Timothy 3:16). What can you do to become a more serious student of God's Word, the Bible, so that you can be complete and equipped for every good work (see 2 Timothy 3:17)?

Have you ever waited for the "perfect time" to share your faith with someone? The truth of the matter is that there may not always be the "perfectly right" time to share, but it is important to be ready to take advantage of every opportunity that God gives to share your faith and to proclaim and teach His Word. Pray that God will help you recognize every opportunity and give you boldness to share!

Brethren, for this reason, in [spite of all] our stress and crushing difficulties we have been filled with comfort and cheer about you [because of] your faith (the leaning of your whole personality on God in complete trust and confidence).

1 THESSALONIANS 3:7



Go with the flow, and stop being anxious about things that may never happen. If you really trust God, you don't need a backup plan. Faith means that you have peace even when you don't have all the answers.

Life will always be stressful if you constantly try to rearrange it. For example, getting upset in a traffic jam doesn't get you out of it any sooner. But planning for obstacles will inspire you to leave a little earlier for your appointments and keep you from hurrying. Grow in wisdom, and place high priority on keeping your peace in spite of any jams you get into today.

Starting Your Day Right

Taking Up the Cross

When the Lord told his disciples that they must take up the cross to follow him, they could have little understanding of his meaning. He wished to rouse them to earnest thought and so prepare them for the time when they should see him carrying his cross. From the Jordan, where he had presented himself to be baptized and reckoned among sinners, onward, he carried the cross always in his heart. That is to say, he was always conscious that the sentence of death, because of sin, rested on him, and that he must bear it to the uttermost. As the disciples thought on this and wondered what he meant by it, one thing only helped them—it was the thought of a man who was sentenced to death, and carried his cross to the appointed place. Christ had said at the same time: "*He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it*" (Matt. 10:39). He taught them that they must hate their own life. Their nature was so sinful that nothing less than death could meet their need; it deserved nothing less than death. So the conviction gradually dawned upon them that the taking up of the cross meant: "I am to feel that my life is under sentence of death, and that under the consciousness of this sentence I must constantly surrender my flesh, my sinful nature, to death." So they were slowly prepared to see later on that the cross which Christ had carried was the one power to deliver truly from sin, and that they must first receive from him the true cross spirit. They must learn from him what self-humiliation in their weakness and unworthiness was to mean; what the obedience was which crucified their own will in all things, in the greatest as well as in the least; what the self-denial was which did not seek to please the flesh or the world. "*Take thy cross and follow me*" (see Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; 10:21; Luke 9:23) — that was the word with which Jesus prepared his disciples for the great thought that his mind and disposition might become theirs, that his cross might in very deed become their own.

Crucified with Christ

The lesson which the Lord wished his disciples to learn from his statement concerning the taking up of the cross and the losing of their life finds its expression in the words of Paul, after Christ had died on the cross and had been exalted on high, and the Spirit had been poured out. Paul says: "*I am crucified with Christ*"; "*God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world*" (Galatians 2:20; 6:14). He wished every believer to live so as to prove that he was crucified with Christ. He wished us to understand that the Christ who comes to dwell in our hearts is the crucified Christ, who will himself, through his life, impart to us the true mind of the cross. He tells us that "*our old man is crucified with him*" (Romans 6:6). Yea, more, that "*they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh*" (Galatians 5:24). When they received by faith the crucified Christ, they gave over the flesh to the death sentence which was executed to the full on Calvary. Paul says "*we have been planted together in the likeness of his death*" (Romans 6:5), and that therefore we must reckon that we are dead to sin in Christ Jesus. These words of the Holy Spirit, through Paul, teach us that we must abide constantly in the fellowship of the cross, in fellowship with the crucified and living Lord Jesus. It is the soul that lives ever under the cover and shelter and deliverance of the cross that alone can expect constantly to glory in Christ Jesus and in his abiding nearness.

Andrew Murray's The Prayer Life. (1858)

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers Ministry; Scripture, notes, commentaries; 2005; page 2012 -2014)

Psa 119:105

Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.



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