

Summer

BIBLE STUDY

“Search the Word” and Study of 2 Timothy 3: 1-15

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2 Timothy 3:1

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. KJV

PERILOUS: extremely violent, fierce, very dangerous, risky, hazardous, unsafe
chalepos (pronounced khal-ep-os')

Matthew 8:28 And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met him, coming out of the tombs, so **fierce** that no one could pass that way. ESV

PAUL DESCRIBES PERILOUS TIMES2 Timothy 3:2-5

People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people. NIV

LOVERS OF SELF: Also known as _____.

_____ is the root of every other sin.

_____ is rooted in worldliness.

_____ is the devil's most destructive and effective tool.

_____ is natural to the fallen man.

_____ is a result of spiritual drift.

_____ is more of me and less of God.

C.S. Lewis describes pride as: an anti-God state of mind, the utmost evil.

It was _____ that caused Lucifer to be cast out of heaven and Adam and Eve to be cast out of Eden. And it is _____ that will be our undoing if we tolerate it in our lives. The danger of pride is a sobering reality that each of us needs to ponder. Truly, it is one of our greatest enemies. However, chances are good that most of us do not see pride in our own lives.

There are many examples in the Bible concerning the danger of pride. For example; each time the Israelites became proud, trouble followed. Plague after plague fell upon Pharaoh and his people, but the selfish leader would not humble himself to save anyone, even his own son.

The enemy's ultimate desire on the earth is to create a man-centered culture apart from the honor and glory of God. His ultimate mission is the elevation and worship of man.

THE SOLUTION to PRIDE: Humility

1 Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. NIV

The best example of humility- _____ .

Philippians 2:8-11

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross. NIV

_____ increases our hunger for God's Word.

_____ opens our hearts to the Spirit of God.

_____ leads to greater intimacy with God.

_____ is more of God and less of me.

_____ is essential for discipleship.

Five Ways to Overcome Pride and Cultivate Humility

1. Surrender through repentance
2. Seek for understanding
3. Study the Word
4. Serve others
5. Sow seeds of gratitude

Dying out to self requires a daily, intentional and focused effort. And as Paul reminds us, it will get harder, not easier "in the last days".

How does our current culture promote love of self over humility?

PAUL'S FINAL CHARGE TO TIMOTHY

2 Timothy 3:10-15

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

GROUP DISCUSSION:

Using **2 Timothy 3:10-15** for reference, explain how we can apply Paul's words of instruction for Timothy to our own lives? Feel free to read other translations for comparison.

1. Teaching:

2. Way of Life:

3. Purpose:

4. Faith:

5. Patience:

6. Love:

7. Endurance:

8. Persecutions and Suffering:

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. In what areas of your personal or spiritual life have you allowed elements of pride to creep in?
2. What are some practical ways that you can embrace humility in your life today?

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