

AN ANALOGY OF LUKE 12:53 IN RELATION TO THE PRESENT TIMES

Luke 12:53; 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Introduction: _____

I. FIRST, NOTICE THE SETTING OF THE PASSAGE (Luke 12:49-53).

- A. First, note the previous passages (Luke 12:49-50).
- B. Secondly, notice the present passages (Luke 12:51-53).

II. SECONDLY, NOTE A SETTLED PASSAGE RELATING TO OUR PRESENT TIMES (2 Timothy 3:1-5).

- A. First, let's explore some Old Testament passages relating to the present times.
1. First, there is Jacob's anticipation of "*the last days*" relating to the 12 tribes (Genesis 49:1).
 2. Secondly there is Moses alerting the Israelites of "*the latter days*" (Deuteronomy 31:29).
 3. Thirdly, there is Jeremiah's admonition to Israel relating to "*the latter times*" (Jeremiah 30:24).
 4. Fourthly, there is Joel's advice to Israel relating to the Holy Spirit's coming in "*the last days*" (Joel 2:28-32).
- B. Secondly, let's examine a New Testament passage relating to present times (2 Timothy 3:1-5).
1. First, notice the circumstances surrounding the last days (2 Timothy 3:1).

- a. First, notice how the last days will have unsafe times (3:1b). "*... perilous times shall come.*"
 - b. Secondly, not how the last days will be unswerving times.
2. Secondly, note the characteristics abounding during the last days (2 Timothy 3:2-5a).
 - a. First, notice how he describes their deeds (3:2-4). **(SEE INSERT)**
 - b. Secondly, he depicts their _____ (3:5b)
 - c. Thirdly, he demonstrates their _____ (3:5b)
3. Thirdly, consider the _____ to us for the last days (3:5c). "*... from such turn away...*"
 - a. First, we must _____ ourselves from such lifestyles.
 - b. Secondly, we must _____ ourselves from such lifestyles.

CONCLUSION:

1. First, note how Paul _____ the Word of God as sufficient (3:15)
2. Secondly, notice how he _____ the Word of God as the authority (3:16-17).
 - God's Word tells us what ___ right ("*profitable for doctrine*").
 - God's Word tells us what _____ right ("*for reproof*").
 - God's Word tells us how to _____ right "*for correction*")
 - God's Word tells us how to _____ right ("*for instruction in righteousness*").