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I. Description of godlessness in the last days

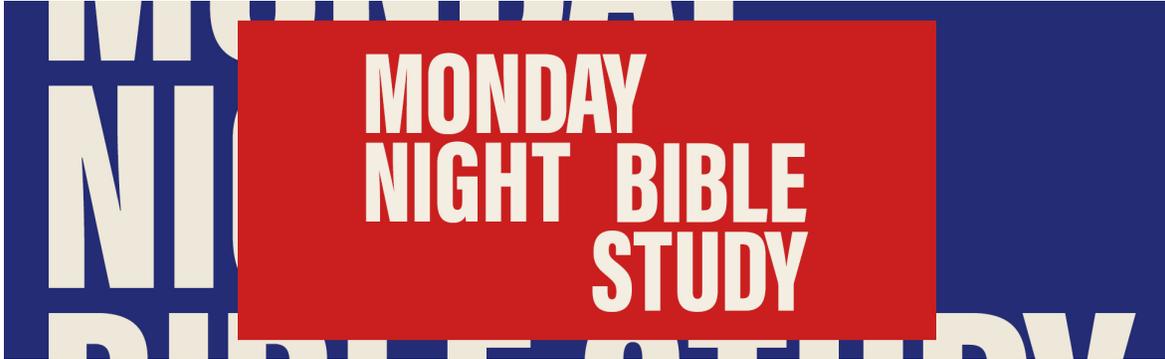
The Bible shows us that the Last Days is the whole period of time from Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension until His Second Coming when He returns to take us with Him. (*I Thessalonians 4:13-18, II Peter 3:10-13, Revelation 21:1, Matthew 24:36*)

19 Characteristics of the Ungodly in the Last Days:

1. Lovers of themselves: self-centered, narcissistic.
2. Lovers of money.
3. Boastful
4. Proud: arrogant
5. Abusive toward others
6. Disobedient to their parents
7. Ungrateful
8. Unholy
9. Without love: heartless
10. Unforgiving
11. Slanderous
12. Without self-control
13. Brutal
14. Not lovers of the good
15. Treacherous: disloyal, unfaithful, backstabbing
16. Rash: recklessness
17. Conceited
18. Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God
19. Having a form of godliness but denying its power

We are called to a higher life:

1. To be lovers of God and people
2. To be grateful and humble
3. To be disciplined and holy
4. To be compassionate, kind, and forgiving
5. To honor our parents
6. To walk in the power of the Holy Spirit



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II. Warning against deception

1. False teachers will oppose the truth. (*Exodus 7:11; 9:11*)
 - a. False teachers will oppose the truth of the Word of God.
2. Paul was NOT saying that all the women in Ephesus were unstable and spiritually immature.
 - a. Paul was addressing the women because many of them in Ephesus had fallen prey to the false teaching of that time.
3. Paul said these false teachers had depraved minds.
 - a. Be on your guard so that you WILL NOT fall prey to deception

III. A charge for believers to CONTINUE in the ways of the Lord

Continue means: to maintain a condition, course of action without interruption.

We should live with a sense of purpose, knowing that God's hand is upon and we are His AMBASSADORS everywhere we go! Be loving and patient and full of faith so that people will SEE GOD IN YOU!

6 Facts about the Word of God:

1. All Scripture is God-breathed – or inspired by God. (*Hebrews 4:12*)
2. The Word will teach you and instruct you.
3. Rebuke you and show you where you are wrong or need to change.
4. Correct you and set you on the right path.
5. Train you in righteousness or right living.
6. Thoroughly equip you for every good work.

Daily Bible Reading:

1. Find a quiet time that works well for you.
2. Find a Bible translation that is easy to understand.
3. Follow a reading plan that will help you develop this habit.
4. Supplement Bible teachings throughout your day as you have time.

Bible Reading Plan:

- 1 Chapter starting in Matthew and continue through the New Testament
- 1 Chapter in Proverbs each day.
- 1 Chapter in Psalms each day.