

# The Times We Live In

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Hardly a day goes by that we don't receive numerous emails and phone calls from people who have desperate situations. Almost everyone you can think of has a major attack in some area of their lives – financial – health – or a relative in rebellion to God.

I think everyone would agree that the attacks of the enemy have been stepped up. Maybe I have been around my husband Apostle Philip too long – those of you who know him understand that he thinks in military terms and I find myself thinking along the same lines.

If the attacks of the enemy have increased – why is that and what do we do about it?

First of all let's look at why those attacks have increased and what the enemy's agenda is. When an enemy attacks it's because he wants to take something you have or prevent you from getting something he does not want you to have.

Let's think about the time period that we are living in for a few moments. I don't know if you have noticed but even the secular world has begun using the phrases "end of days", "Last days," "The Apocalypse" and similar Biblical phrases. I have been surprised at how many times I have heard these phrases mentioned in the last six months by the secular media. I think it's interesting that even the world seems to be sensing that we have moved into a new time period.

I do not think that anyone with any maturity in the word of God would argue against the fact that we are in the last days. So what does this have to do with the attacks being stepped up? Well, let's look at two areas. Our first clue is in II Timothy 3:1-5 "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come. For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. Having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such turn away.”

This scripture lays out what we will see in the last days - not just in the world but in the church. Verse 5 makes it clear that this scripture is speaking about the church – the body of Christ. The enemy knows that if he can get you into the things mentioned in these scriptures that he has an open door not only to cause you to sin but to use you against the body of Christ. His strategy is to keep you weak and powerless so that he can take what belongs to you.

The hill that the enemy wants to take in your life is your ability to walk in the plan and the power that God has ordained for you. Let's look at Acts 2:17-20 “And it shall come to pass in the last days says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days and they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs in the earth beneath; blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.”

The Lord has created this last generation to be a magnificent generation. He has given the body of Christ the ability to walk in great power. But power only comes through anointing and true anointing (not hype) only comes through obedience. The Lord once said to me “Anointing is born out of intimacy (with God) and poured out of obedience.” We will not walk in the power or plan of God for our lives if we are not in obedience. While I was ministering in the UK the Lord gave me this acronym for the power of God.

The power of God comes through:

Prayer  
Obedience  
Word  
Excellence of character  
Relationship

In John 8: 31-32 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him “If you abide in My word you are My disciples indeed. “And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

The enemy wants to take away your ability to be used mightily of God. If he cannot do it through sin in your life then he will try and make you battle weary or try and get your focus to be only on yourself and off of what the Lord wants to do in your life today or what He wants you to do in the life of someone else through you. Because the enemy knows that in the presence of the Lord you will find peace – joy and rest. We’ve warned you from the Lord over and over on this website not to get caught up in what’s going on in the world – all the bad stuff – but to keep your eyes on Jesus.

So keep your eyes on what is important. Don’t get distracted or discouraged; make your priority to daily come into the presence of the Lord. Come into His presence through the Word, through prayer, through sitting quietly before Him saying, “Lord here is your servant – speak to me as You desire.” When you leave His presence you will be filled with His power, His joy, His peace and his purpose. You will be a soldier the enemy will not be able to withstand. Then be about the Lord’s business – what He’s told you to do each day to advance the Kingdom. And don’t forget to pray, “Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.”