

Shaped by God's Word

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The Crisis

- ▶ But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

- 2 Timothy 3:1-5

The Crisis

- ▶ “A church’s worship habits may occupy two hours of a Christian’s week. But podcasts, radio shows, cable news, social media, streaming entertainment, and other forms of media account for upwards of 90 hours of their week.”
 - Brett McCracken, *Are Churches Losing the Battle to Form Christians?* (August 18, 2020)

The Crisis

“What a strange year 2020 has turned out to be. We could label 2020 many things, but the potential label that most concerns me would be:

2020—The Year of the Angry, Divisive Christian

Everywhere I turn—Twitter, Facebook, church blog posts, individual conversations—I read and hear Christians *judging and condemning each other.*”

- Bob Kellemen, *Speaking the Truth in Love, or Just Angry, Arrogant, and Argumentative?* (October 12, 2020)

The Crisis

- ▶ Urgency
- ▶ Intentionality
- ▶ Unity

The Contrast

- ▶ **10** You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, **11** my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me.**12** Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, **13** while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

- 2 Timothy 3:10-13

A Relationship

- ▶ **14** But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it **15** and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

- 2 Timothy 3:14-15

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Four Relationship Questions (to ask when reading the Bible)

- ▶ What does this passage say about our God?
- ▶ What does this passage say about us?
- ▶ How would I live differently this week if I believed this?
- ▶ Who else do I know that needs encouragement from this passage?



Do not be conformed to this world but be
transformed by the renewing of your mind...
Romans 12:2

