

## God Works in the Dark!!

Many theologians believe that the second epistle to Timothy was the Apostle Paul's last letter. There is an urgency and a sense of expediency as he writes. If Paul were writing to us I believe his letters would carry the same essence.

♥ **"But you need to be aware that in the final days the culture of society will become extremely fierce and difficult for the people of God."**

— 2 Timothy 3:1 TPT

♥ **"BUT UNDERSTAND this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear]."**

— 2 Timothy 3:1 AMP

Timothy was a young pastor at a large and fast growing church in Ephesus. It would have been easy to get lost in the magnitude of the ministry and the rhythm of daily life and ministry. Paul urges him that there were some things that he needed to understand and be aware of and that days of great pressure were coming. Coasting and going with the flow, just trying to manage his day to day, was not going to brace Pastor Timothy or prepare him for what was coming.

As Christians it is soooooo easy to get drawn into our week and routines. But do we understand, are we aware, of how to traverse times that are hard to deal with and hard to bear?

If you read the context of this passage, and I urge you to, you can see that things would not be as they appeared and many would be drawn off in different directions and after different affections. I have been shocked at the level of distraction, disunity, vilification and just plain maliciousness of our simple, everyday lives and information that is coming at us at a constant and bombarding flow.

We must steady ourselves and center ourselves on the Lord. This is not an option. I want to encourage you that GOD WORKS IN THE DARK! God is working behind the scenes to work all things together for His good (Rom. 8:28). Isaiah 60 gives us a great picture of how there will be a rising of the glory, however, it will come in the midst of gross darkness.

♥ **"Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you."**

— Isaiah 60:1-2 NKJV

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus shares in the form of a parable about a time when right along with God's plans maturing, the enemies plans will be maturing. This shows us that we need great discernment and great insight into what the Lord is doing behind the scenes, in the dark, as we are facing things beyond our comprehension.

♥ **"Then Jesus taught them another parable: 'Heaven's kingdom realm can be compared to a farmer who planted good seed in his field. But at night, when everyone was asleep, an enemy came and planted poisonous weeds among the wheat and ran away. When the wheat sprouted and bore grain, the weeds also appeared. So the farmer's hired hands came to him and said, 'Sir, wasn't that good seed that you sowed in the field? Where did all these weeds come from?' He answered, 'This has to be the work of an enemy!' They replied, 'Do you want us to go and gather up all the weeds?' 'No," he said. 'If you pull out the weeds you might uproot the wheat at the same time. You must allow them both to grow together until the time of harvest. At that time, I'll tell my harvesters to make sure they gather the weeds first and tie them all in bundles to be burned. Then they will harvest the wheat and put it into my barn.'"**

— Matthew 13:24-30 TPT

This is part of the answer to why God doesn't just remove evil. It's important to

notice that this parable does not give us a picture of a life free from struggle, opposition, or stress. We will continue to exist in a fallen world, surrounded by the works of the enemy as well as God's plans being worked out. In this life we have an opportunity to see amazing levels of God's intervention and glorious Presence as we look to Him and for Him to be working. When it looks as if God is silent, He is working. When it looks as if there is no hope, God is working. When it looks as if everything is lost and chaos is inevitable, God is working!

We certainly take comfort in this truth but it doesn't mean that we can become complacent in it! We must stay in faith that truly God is at work and we must posture ourselves to be part of His intervention and conduits for His glory and fulfillment of His purposes in the earth. It is what we do in secret (the dark) that postures us for visible rewards!

Jesus taught us 3 principles forged in the secret that will produce open reward!

♥ **"Examine your motives to make sure you're not showing off when you do your good deeds, only to be admired by others; otherwise, you will lose the reward of your heavenly Father. So when you give to the poor, don't announce it and make a show of it just to be seen by people, like the hypocrites in the streets and in the marketplace. They've already received their reward! But when you demonstrate generosity, do it with pure motives and without drawing attention to yourself. Give secretly and your Father, who sees all you do, will reward you openly."**

**Whenever you pray, be sincere and not like the pretenders who love the attention they receive while praying before others in the meetings and on street corners. Believe me, they've already received in full their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your innermost chamber and be alone with Father God, praying to him in secret. And your Father, who**

**sees all you do, will reward you openly."**

— Matthew 6:1-6 TPT

♥ **"When you fast, don't look like those who pretend to be spiritual. They want everyone to know they're fasting, so they appear in public looking miserable, gloomy, and disheveled. Believe me, they've already received their reward in full. When you fast, don't let it be obvious, but instead, wash your face and groom yourself and realize that your Father in the secret place is the one who is watching all that you do in secret and will continue to reward you openly."**

— Matthew 6:16-18 TPT

There are so many rich principles expressed but let me just draw some conclusions. We must know in all that we do and all that we give ourselves to for Him, He sees. We are not just futilely giving ourselves to something that will never make any difference. God sees all that we do (in the dark) and He will reward us openly. It may look like nothing is changing or no good is being accomplished but our God works in the dark!

I believe the Holy Spirit is highlighting these simple principles to us in a time of chaos and overload of information. Three simple things that we can do to affect change in our world: GIVE, PRAY, FAST! My prayer for the body of Christ is that we would be faithful to what He is calling us to do in this hour and the God Who sees and the God Who hears will act on our behalf for His glory!

God hears our prayers and He sees the smallest acts of kindness and our efforts to press in! Let's give ourselves, now more than ever to functioning in these principles of hiddenness and watch God amaze us as He works in the dark!!

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– Matthew Henry

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– A.W. Tozer

"When you become entitled to exercise the right of voting for public officers let it be impressed on your mind that God commands you to choose for rulers, just men who will rule in the fear of God. The preservation of a republican government depends on the faithful discharge of this duty; if the citizens neglect this duty and place unprincipled men in office, the government will soon be corrupted."

– Noah Webster, Founding Father

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Saturday, October 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 11th @ 9:00 a.m. @ 12564 303rd Ave, Princeton, MN – Call 763.389.5349 ext. 301 for more information

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Saturday, October 17th @ 6:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Special Prayer Meeting!

Sunday, October 18th @ 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

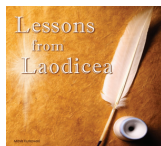
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