

Living In The End Time - Ray Flores, March 15, 2026

The Return of Christ : 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 NIV Christ will return for His church, and believers will be gathered to Him. This promise reminds us that history is moving toward the day when Jesus returns.

The Moral Condition of the Last Days : 2 Timothy 3:1-5 NIV ¹ But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.
Paul warns that the last days will be marked by selfishness, pride, broken relationships, moral confusion, and ultimately people who appear religious but deny the power of God.

The Greatest Commandment : Mark 12:30-31 NIV ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."
Jesus teaches that life is rightly ordered when we love God first and love our neighbor as ourselves. Disordered love leads to spiritual collapse.

The Danger of Loving Money : 1 Timothy 6:10 NIV For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.
The love of money can lead people away from faith and cause many forms of spiritual harm.

The Call to Humility : Ephesians 4:2 NIV Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. *Followers of Christ are called to humility, patience, and love in their relationships with others.*

Love Growing Cold in the Last Days : Matthew 24:12 NIV Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, *Jesus warns that increasing wickedness will cause the love of many people to grow cold.*

Moral Inversion in Society : Isaiah 5:20 NIV Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.
God warns against a culture that calls evil good and good evil, reversing moral truth.

The Greatest Commandment Revisited : Matthew 22:37 NIV Jesus reminds us that loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind must be the foundation of our lives.

The Warning Against Empty Religion : 2 Timothy 3:5 NIV having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.
People may maintain religious appearances while rejecting the transforming power of God.

The Progression Paul Describes. 1. Disordered Love. People love self, money, and pleasure. **2 Distorted Character** Pride, arrogance, lack of self-control. **3. Destroyed Relationships** Abuse, betrayal, unforgiveness. **4. Moral Confusion** Good becomes evil, evil becomes good. **5. Dead Religion** A form of godliness without spiritual power.

Conclusion: The Bible warns that the last days will be marked not only by world events but by a spiritual condition where many people appear religious yet lack genuine transformation. The call for believers is to move beyond a **form of godliness** and live lives that reflect the **real power of God at work within us.**
GOD BLESS YOU, AND KEEP YOU, MAY. HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU! AMEN