Be Godly

2 Timothy 3:1-13

1. Introduction v1

Read Hebrews 1:1-2; 1 Peter 1:20

Past Times
The Last Days = Now Times
End Times

Five important things to remember about sin and evil as we live in 'The last days... now days':

- a. Don't be surprised
- b. Recognise the signs
- c. Pray for spiritual renewal and revival
- d. Be ready for Christ's second coming
- e. Remember that sin and evil cannot prevail

2. The downward spiral of godlessness v2-9, 13

Notice the misunderstanding, misrepresentation and maligning of love (Matthew 22:37-40):

- People will love themselves first
- People will be without love
- People will not love the good
- People will love pleasure rather than God

everything is going to be alright

- a. Their approval of evil
- b. Their acceptance of evil
- c. Their appetite for evil
- d. Their addiction to evil

Read: Romans 1:32; Genesis 5:5; 2 Timothy 3:13

3. The upward spiral of godliness v10-12

The Christian's attitude to sin and evil:

- Their awareness of evil
- Their alternatives to evil
- Their action in resisting evil

Christians live out their Christian faith in the real world in the following way:

- a. Nothing to hide 'You know my life'
- b. Teaching the truth 'You know my doctrine'
- c. Practising what they preach 'You know my faith, love and patience'
- d. Not being afraid of persecution 'You know my sufferings and persecution'