



Foundation Scripture: **Ephesians 5:1-2**

I. **II Timothy 4:1-4**

A. We are not asking the right questions...

1. Why are people turning their ears from the truth? Why are people not enduring sound doctrine?
2. The answer is simple: They have the “Itching Ear” Syndrome.
 - People would much rather blame God than take responsibility for their own actions. (Adam blamed God who gave him his wife, and Eve blamed the devil for tricking her...no one took responsibility...and it is the same today!)
 - Preachers across the world have talked openly about the assassination of Charlie Kirk and they are saying things under the deceptive guise of the devil.... *“God is sovereign”, “God is in control”, “God had a plan concerning this assassination”, “God allowed this to happen for a bigger purpose.”*
 - My refutation concerning this is Biblically based....If you are going to make a statement like any of these mentioned then you must be able to answer the one question that everyone seems to be afraid to ask....Why? *(What is the purpose of God allowing this to happen? What does it mean when you say God is sovereign and in control...are you saying that God took this 31 year old father and husband out of this earth to leave 2 precious children and a grieving widow empty and alone? What is the bigger purpose in all of this?).* If you cannot answer the questions, then you have no right to make these statements in the first place.

B. The Most Important Statement to Remember concerning “The Christian”

1. **Christians Should Have The Answers!** (Step above – higher standard)
 - Having the answers means we know the will of God and we know the plan of our enemy!
 - **Ephesians 5:17** “Understand what the will of the Lord is...”
2. The world certainly doesn’t have the answers.....
 - Think about it....With technology today, we have invented cars, airplanes, can send people to the moon, have a phone that fits in your hands that gives you any knowledge you need, yet we have no cure for diseases and cannot stop violence or world hunger?
 - What are we missing? The world doesn’t have the answers because they don’t know...and they don’t want to know!
 - But what about Christians? *“My PEOPLE are destroyed because they DON’T KNOW and THEY DON’T WANT TO KNOW!” – Hosea 4:6*
 - Christians shouldn’t be living in confusion, fear, and sickness....so to get the answers, we must ask the right questions! (Since God has not given

us the spirit of fear and He is not the author of confusion....WHY are so many Christians living this way?????).

II. It's Time To Know The Truth...

A. The Last Days....*II Timothy 3:1-5*

1. ***Perilous – The Idea of Reducing One's Strength; Difficult, Dangerous, Fierce***
2. For the Christians, ***Isaiah 40:28-31*** is so important in this time.... *"He gives power to the faint...and increases his strength!"*
3. Notice what is happening in the last days:
 - Lovers of one thing, desiring what others have through jealousy, full of pride, murmuring and complaining about everything.....
 - Sexually perverse, Incontinent (No Self-Control), DESPISERS OF THOSE THAT ARE GOOD (will expound)...
 - Having a form or godliness (they say they believe in God, love God, and even many will say they go to church).

B. Ask the hard questions...WHY are there despisers of people that are good?

1. Why do people rejoice when good (Godly) people like Charlie Kirk are assassinated?
2. WHY WHY WHY? The spirit of antichrist (world) / What is the spirit of antichrist? Anything or anyone that lifts itself above the knowledge of Christ (These are unsubmitted people who reject accountability so they are not responsible for their own actions.) – Pay attention....A Dividing Line has become clear to all...with this assassination, it is not just the revelation of the spirit of antichrist inside the man who committed the murder, but it also has been made publicly made manifest in all the people who despise what Charlie stood for! Why? Because the spirit of darkness resides on the inside of them....and the light hurts their eyes! This is why there is so much anger, so much pride, the devil can't help himself....he is full of himself and this time, he has overplayed his hand and the whole world is seeing it! ***John 1:5*** *"And the light shines in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not."* ***John 1:10,11*** *"...the world knew him not and did not receive him."*
 - ***John 16:20*** *"The world will rejoice...at my death."* (World – Ungodly)
 - ***John 16:2*** *"The time will come that whosoever kills you will think that he does God service."*
 - ***Revelation 11:10*** – 2 prophets that tormented them...with truth!
3. How do you explain any of this? Reprobate Mind (Dark and Void)
 - ***Romans 1:28***
 - ***Reprobate – Void of judgment (cannot discern between good and evil).***

C. Looking at the end...

1. Days of Noah...
2. ***Matthew 24:36-39*** (Expound next week)