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Sermon Notes for June 11th, 2023
“That Which Holds Us Back”

Sermon Text: **2 Timothy 3:1-5** (p. 1263); Old Testament Text: **2 Kings 17:41** (p. 411); Gospel Text: **Matthew 24:10-13** (p. 1054).

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NLT): You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. ² For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. ³ They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. ⁴ They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. ⁵ They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

Read the Sermon Text above while listening to the sermon, then, answer the questions below.

1. In **2 Timothy 3:1**, what does Paul mean by *in the last days*?

Why should this matter to us today?

2. Read **2 Timothy 3:2** from the NLT above, then, read **Matthew 24:12-13** (p. 1054). What are the only things most people will love in the last days?

What does Jesus say will cause *the love of most to grow cold*? (See **Matthew 24:12**)

Toward whom do you think people's love will grow the coldest?

3. Read **2 Timothy 3:3** from above. Why should it not be surprising that the people *will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control*?

Why do you think *they will be cruel and hate what is good*?

4. Read **2 Timothy 3:4** from above. Why do you think these people will behave this way?

What is the big problem when pleasure becomes your God?

5. Read **2 Timothy 3:5** from above. What is *the power that could make them godly*?

Why do these people choose to reject this power rather than embrace it?

Why does Paul tell Timothy to *stay away from people like that*?

6. What was the most meaningful part of this message to you?