

Key Scripture: 1 Chronicles 12:32 NLT All these men <u>understood the signs of the times</u> and knew the best course for Israel to take.

Cultural Signs

Matthew 24:10-12 NKJV

10 And then <u>many will be offended</u>, will <u>betray</u> one another, and will <u>hate</u> one another.
11 Then many <u>false prophets</u> will rise up and <u>deceive</u> many.
12 And because <u>lawlessness</u> will abound, <u>the love of many will grow cold</u>.

Cold Heart Facts

✓ Many Offended - Murder, Jealousy, Hate

Luke 17:1 NKJV

Then He said to the disciples, "*It is impossible that no <u>offenses</u> should come*, but woe to him through whom they do come!"

Romans 1:29 NIrV

They are full of every kind of sin, evil and ungodliness. They want more than they need. <u>They commit murder</u>. <u>They want what belongs to other people</u>. They fight and cheat. <u>They hate others</u>. They say mean things about other people.

✓ False Prophets - Deceive many.

2 Peter 2:1-2 NCV

There used to be false prophets among God's people, just as you will have some false teachers in your group. They will secretly teach things that are wrong —

teachings that will cause people to be lost. They will even refuse to accept the Master, Jesus, who bought their freedom. So they will bring quick ruin on themselves.

✓ Lawlessness - Love of many will grow cold.

2 Thessalonians 2:7 NIV

For the *secret power of lawlessness is already at work*;

but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

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SIGNS of the Times

Cold Hearts

Keep your heart on fire ...

2 Timothy 3:1 TLB<u>in the last days it is going to be very difficult to be a Christian.</u>

1. Make it a priority to <u>know</u> God better.

Romans 1:28 NIrV They didn't think it was important to <u>know God</u>.

Ephesians 1:17 NIV

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that *you may know Him better*.

2. Humbly <u>connect</u> by honoring others with your interest.

Philippians 2:3-4 NCV

3 When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, *be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves.*

4 Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.

1 Peter 4:7-8 NASB

7 The end of all things is at hand...8 Above all,

keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

3. Continue to grow in your gifts and self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:6-7 NLT

6 This is why I remind you to <u>fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you</u> when I laid my hands on you. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of <u>power</u>, <u>love</u>, and <u>self-discipline</u>.

4. Faithfully make a difference by using your gifts to serve.

Romans 12:11 NIrV

Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord.

Matthew 24:14 NLT

And the <u>Good News about the Kingdom will be preached</u> throughout the whole world, so that <u>all nations will hear it</u>; and then the end will come.

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