

Key Scripture:

Matthew 24:44 CEV

Always be ready! You don't know when the Son of Man will come.

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Matthew 24:10-12 NKJV

10 And then many will be offended,

will **betray** one another, and will **hate** one another.

11 Then many *false prophets* will rise up and *deceive* many.

12 And because *lawlessness* will abound, *the love of many will grow cold*.

Too Many Cold Hearts

✓ 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. *They commit murder*. *They want what belongs to other people*. They fight and cheat. *They hate others*. 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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Are We There Yet?

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Keep the fire burning...

2 Timothy 3:1 TLB

....in the last days it is going to be very difficult to be a Christian.

1. Make it a priority to know God better.

Romans 1:28 NIrV

They didn't think it was important to know God.

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 **connect** 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 <u>Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.</u>

1 Peter 4:7-8 NASB

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

<u>keep fervent in your love for one another</u>, 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 *fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you* when I laid my hands on you. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of *power*, *love*, and *self-discipline*.

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. <u>Serve the Lord</u>.

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