2 Timothy 3:1  This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

The Amplifies Bible says in 2 Timothy 3:1 But understand this, that in the last days there will set in perilous times of great stress and trouble - hard to deal with and hard to bear.

Now remember Brother Branham taught us that “hybrid foods and the tensions are rotting the bodies and the minds of the people.”

So tensions or stress are a very critical thing in the undoing of the human race. And you will notice that the Amplified Translation of 2 Timothy 3:1 tells us “these times of great tension and stress will be hard to deal with and hard to bear.”

we also read in Mark 4:18-20 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, 19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it (the Word) becometh unfruitful. 20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

Notice that it is the cares of this life which creep in and choke off the Life that is in the Word.

And so we see the warning to us that we must be careful not to get so caught up into the things of this world as to allow them to take over sole dominance of our lives.

Now the Greek word used here for “cares” is the word “Merimna” which means the “anxieties of this Life”. And I want you to remember that the word “anxieties” is defined by Webster as “being a state of being uneasy or apprehensive, or worried about what may happen; concern about a possible future event. The Psychological effects of anxiety are worry and nervous tensions.”

Now, we also see the conditions of the end time people who are caught up into the anxieties of life are also listed here by the apostle Paul. He continues, ... 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, (and if you recall when I’ve preached from Romans 8 that the apostle Paul said you could not even receive the Spirit of God if you are self focused, because he said being self focused is enmity with God because to be self focused you cannot be God focused. It is totally a contrary spirit. Then after Paul says, “men shall be lovers of their own selves”... he shows us the identifiable characteristics of what it means to be lovers of self. “covetous,” (and why would people be covetous, well that ought to be self explanatory” They are self centered therefore they want for self. You don’t become covetous for others’, covetousness is a self inflicted disease. A self motivated disease. “boasters,” Again that is an attribute based on self centeredness.
It is not speaking of people boasting about God, the word he used is “proud;” that’s personal pride, and personal pride is a self inflicted disease. Again that is an issue based on self motivation; it is not speaking of people boasting about God. The next he says they are “blasphemers,” (and blasphemy is speaking hurtful words, and that is what self centered people do. They use hurtful words to put down anyone who has different thoughts than they do.

Next he says they are also, “disobedient to parents,”... So why do children disobey their parents? Because they are selfish, they are self centered. If they were not self centered and they put their family first and their parents first, then they would never even consider being disobedient to parents.

Next is “unthankful”, And that is the exactly what self centered people are, unthankful. Nothing is ever totally fine. They always complain, no help is ever enough. And finally they are “unholy”, and that means they do not live a holy and consecrated life, set aside for God, where God is given their top priority in life, and then family second and self last. And how can you be consecrated if you live for self, and if your life is all about self. So all these attributes get back to the real sickness and that is self centeredness.

And because they are all about self the Apostle Paul says they are 3 “Without natural affection,” and this means: now get this, this is the exact wording in the Greek dictionary. It means “they are hard-hearted towards kindred”. That’s family. They will put up with all kinds of indifference from complete strangers but they are cruel in their hearts toward their own family. Without natural affection. And what is natural affection? Look at all animals. They love their young. They love them and are protective of them. They make great sacrifice for their children. That is natural affection. And that is the natural way of showing affection. But these are without a love and natural affection for their own. They will say things to their wife or to their husband that they would never-ever think of saying to someone who was a stranger. And if that is the case with a stranger whom you owe nothing to, then why would you use abusive language to someone you are commanded by God to love. When you do that you are on your road to “end time insanity” brothers and sisters. So stop it. I know you do it, I’ve heard you do it, and as your pastor I’m telling you to stop it, and get right with God. Brother Branham said your attitude towards others could determine their eternal destination, and your own as well.

He said your fussing will one day keep you from entering into the Promised Land. That is what killed off the 2 million people who followed Moses out of Egypt. It was there constant bickering and fussing to one another. Can’t you see that Alpha must repeat in Omega? So in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I am telling you to stop your fussing right now or suffer the consequences.
Enticing spirits 55-0724 P:75 “No matter how long you've been a Christian, do you still got those little old spirits that talk to you, makes you fly loose, makes you talk about somebody? When somebody comes up and goes to speaking about somebody else, you join right in with them and oh, just run them down? That's wrong, brother; don't do that. That'll finally keep you out of the promised land. If you just got that little old things that you oughtn't to have, if the love of God really isn't in your heart, won't you be lady and men, walk up and say, "God, right here I'm going to dump it out this morning, right here. I'm going away from this altar a different person." Would you come?

Now, I didn’t see that coming, until he showed me that last night in my study. But that’s absolutely right, brothers and sisters. And you people that fuss all the time, shame on you. Get over it. And get right with God, because you are in a pretty awful condition to stand before God and fuss like you do.

And so you go from altar call to altar call before God in your hearts, but why do you go back to your same old ways? Either you are born again and act like an adult son of God or you are not born again and act like a baby. Or the Holy Spirit has taken its flight from your life like he did to the foolish virgins. Would you say that was because they had left their first love? I think so.

And that leads to the next attribute of the self centered person which is “trucebreakers”. You have fusses in the home, then you make up (call a truce) and then go at it again the first time something is not said the way you want it said. You are a truce breaker that do that. The first one to break from a truce is the “trucebreaker”.

Now, the root word for “truce” means one who is willing to be spent themselves as an offering. Like the woman who sang “Must Jesus bare the cross alone and all the world go free, no there’s a cross for everyone and there’s a cross for me.”

She took the insults from her husband and offered herself to the cross of Christ as a living sacrifice as Paul directed us to do in Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

So I ask you that fuss in the home? Which one is the truce breaker? Or is it both? So which one is the person who will lay their life down for the other, and for the cross as a living sacrifice?

And Paul taught us not to think more highly of self than we ought. And when you do not think more highly of yourself than you ought to think, you are not thinking like a self centered person thinks, but as Christ thinks. So we let the mind that was in Christ be in us.
Philippians 2:1  If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, 2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; (that’s an empty glory, because if it is not God’s Glory, then it is your own empty glory, your own empty doxa, you own empty opinions, values, and judgments. And he said let nothing, that means no actions be done because of your own empty opinions and values) but in lowliness of mind let each esteem the other better than themselves. Wives, esteem your husband better than your own self. Husbands, esteem your own wife better than your own self. Then you will be respectful of them.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Because that is what eternal Life is all about. Not thinking of self, but thinking of others.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

And then of course he says, “false accusers”, and isn’t it interesting that the self centered person is always the one accusing others of things they themselves are actually guilty of? It’s called projection. People project onto others what they are themselves inside. We see it every day in politics where the DNC has broken almost every law and yet project that onto their opponents. It’s end time insanity.

Then he adds, “incontinent”, and that means “without self control” They cannot control their mouth, so they say what hurts and then try to justify it by projecting their own faults onto the ones they speak evil about. And in doing so Paul says they are “fierce”. And since fierce means brutal and savage. It is interesting that it follows the attribute of incontinent because it speaks of savagely attacking others without any control as to what you are doing to that person.

And this all because he says they are “despisers of those that are good.”

Brother Vayle always told me to be careful not to help people too much because the ones you help the most are always those who will stab you the hardest in the back. And why do they do that? Paul said because “they are despisers of them that do good”.

Did not Jesus teach us Matthew 5:44 “But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;” So what does it mean to despitefully use you? The word despitefully use was translated from a Greek word eperazo and it means to insult, or slander: to use despitefully, to falsely accuse. That means it is contemptuous treatment; insult in spite of what you have done for them.

I’ve built homes for some pastors in Africa who when the funds got low and I could help no more, they cursed me, called me names they would not deem fit to call a dog. That’s despitefully using you my brothers. Br. Vayle built a house for a brother and later that brother left and went to a church that hated brother Vayle and he spread malicious gossip about him. So they used him and then spit him out, like they do also with the Gospel.
Using you and then *spiting* you. And why do they do that? Because they are totally self absorbed, self centric, self centered and lost without the Holy Ghost to lead them.

And so they become 4 *Traitors*, and we see this every day in politics, but we also see it in the church as well. And the root is to betray like Judas did to Jesus. *To become un-loyal, and un-faithful to a cause or the leader of that cause. To sell out.*

And we see this every day in politics, in business where people sell out and pull deals. And in the church where people jump from one church to another and take all the dirty laundry from the one church to the next one and so on.

And then he says they are *heady and high-minded*, which means they are know it all’s. You can’t teach them anything because they already know or think they know.

And that is the worst kind. Because you can’t help those people.

And so they go out like the Believe the sign people, and becomes “*lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God,*” And so they leave the Word or church and then they go full tilt into the world. And as brother Branham said, this speaks of church members because it says next 5 *Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*

Notice he says, “*Having a form of God-likeness,*” which means they *profess to be Christians,* which means *Christ-like,* yet *they deny the power thereof.* So which power thereof is Paul talking about? He is talking about the power that would make them to look like and act like Christians, the *power of an endless life.* As Paul speaks of in Hebrews 7.

And what is an endless life? It’s an eternal Life. One filled with the Holy Ghost Life.

And so Paul tells us what path they will take. 6 *For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

And notice they are ever learning but never able to come to the Knowledge of The Truth. Never able, and that means they have not the Holy Spirit of God in them.

8 *Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.*

Notice that these have minds that are *reprobate concerning The Faith.* So what does it mean to be *reprobate concerning The Faith. Adokimos, reprobate concerning the Faith.*

So what does that mean, a *reprobate* mind. The word reprobate means morally depraved; unprincipled; wicked and bad. And notice they are unprincipled and depraved concerning the Faith. And since we know there is only one faith, and that one faith is the Faith of the One Lord, then these people are unprincipled and undisciplined in their understanding of the One Faith or the one revelation of the One Lord.

And as brother Branham said, you can’ have one faith and believe in more than one Lord.
Jesus Christ the same 55-0806 P:15  Now, sometimes today it's been said amongst many believers, they say about certain things, "Oh, that's against my faith. Our faith don't teach that." _There's only really one faith_; the Bible said so. _One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, and there's one faith and that is the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ._ See?

Anointed ones at end time 65-0725M P:186 “Reprobate mind concerning the faith, not a faith, the Faith. _One faith, one Lord, one...?... You can't have one faith without believing in one Lord._ You can't have two baptisms, not one for the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost. There's one baptism, Jesus Christ. That's right. See?

9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

And how will their folly be made known? Jesus said, “By their fruits you shall know them.”

And then to show you what these people are not, Paul says, 10 _But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,_

Notice first and foremost with Paul was his doctrine. “_thou hast fully known my doctrine,_”

Then he adds, _manner of life,..._ In other words your life is just an expression of your doctrine. You become your sacrifice. Abel offered a bleeding dying lamb and became a bleeding dying lamb. So Paul said, Look at my doctrine and my life and if my life is not lined up with what I teach then you don’t have to believe me. And Jesus said the same thing.

**John 10:25** Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

**John 5:36** But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

Notice he says though you won’t believe what I tell you, but just look at my life and the works that God does through me, and you will know that my life bears witness of Who I am. And so does the make-believer and unbeliever’s life bears witness of who they really are.

And Paul say, don’t just examine my doctrine and my life, but see all else I have gone through because of the doctrine I teach. 11 _My Persecutions, my afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me._ 12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

So don’t be disturbed if you live Godly and try to help others and all you get in return is a kick in the teeth. He said, _a.l.l., that means everyone, “all that will live godly (God-like which means to live like God) in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”_
As I’ve said before, Moses served God and lived totally for him, and so 2 million people followed him because God back him up with miracles and many supernatural demonstrations of His Divine presence. Yet what good did it do for 2 million people to follow Moses? Their bickering and fussing got him angry and he disobeyed God in his anger and for that God withheld him from entering into what He suffered for 80 years to bring the people to. 40 years to die to self, and then 40 years to lead others to the promise just to come up short of it himself.

Remember 2 Million people died in the wilderness who followed the pillar of fire. And only Joshua and Caleb entered in. Not even Moses entered in because he had gotten bitter himself and in his anger with the people he struck the rock which was a type of Christ. And that prevented him from entering in. That is so sad to think you could serve God and be rejected among men even those in your own camp, and then not enter in because you fuzzed and bickered yourself. Wow…. I think we need to get right with God.

But then Paul turns the discussion from his own doctrine, manner of life and suffering to those who oppose the truth.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

They deceive others because they themselves are deceived. And so they can come off very genuine in their deception. But whether they are sincere or not they are deceived and then deceive others. As Brother Branham so beautifully put it, the people who sacrificed their children to the alligators were very sincere, but they are sincerely wrong.

14 But You Paul says, continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

So we see that you had better know who is feeding you the Word for it makes a big difference who teaches you. You better know there motives, and objectives, and you had better know where they stand with vindication, and with the Truth of the doctrine of Christ.

And then he adds, and remember this is not another chapter, it was a letter and some monk came along and took these beautiful letters and broke them into chapters and verses. So immediately after Paul said you had better know who is teaching you, he says,

2 Timothy 4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Now, let me read that from the Amplified Version so you can understand what he is saying here about being instant in season and out of season.
4:1 He says, “preach the word [as an official messenger]; be ready when the time is right and even when it is not [keep your sense of urgency, whether the opportunity seems favorable or unfavorable, whether convenient or inconvenient, whether welcome or unwelcome]; correct those who err in doctrine or behavior, warn those who sin, exhort and encourage those who are growing toward spiritual maturity, with inexhaustible patience and faithful teaching. 3 For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine and accurate instruction that challenges them with God’s truth; but wanting to have their ears tickled with something pleasing, they will accumulate for themselves many teachers one after another, chosen to satisfy their own desires and to support the errors they hold, 4 and will turn their ears away from the truth and will wander off into myths and man-made fictions and will accept the unacceptable. 5 But as for you, be clear-headed in every situation stay calm and cool and steady, endure every hardship without flinching, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill the duties of your ministry.

Now, this is the condition we are to be in at this time. We are to be unflinching, which means we do not get bitter when others are bitter. We do not fuss when others fuss. We do not reciprocate punch for punch like President Trump likes to do.

No, we are not called to do that. We are called to be like Christ, conformed to His image.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. (in other words, Solomon the wisest man said in the Proverbs “even the fool when he speaketh little seemeth wise.” Therefore he also said in Ecclesiastes 5:2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

Let me read some more from the proverbs. I used to read them every day when I was young, because you can learn so much about life in reading them.

Proverbs 29:11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.

Proverbs 17:28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

Proverbs 15:2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

Proverbs 26:12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

Proverbs 14:16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.

Proverbs 10:8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.
Now back to Jesus in Matthew 5:38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. 41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. 42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. 43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Let us pray…