

Persecution Will Arise



2 Timothy 3:10-17

- Shifting Requires Us to Be More Than Conquerors – Romans 8:35-39
 - Intent: to remind us that we are shifting because we are sold out to the work of Christ.
 - Purpose: to make us aware that we can live a victorious life in the midst of Life's challenges.
- Lesson #1 – We Are More Than Conquerors When Tribulation Arise – John 16:29-33
 - Tribulation – the unavoidable afflictions of life.
 - A. Make sure your affliction arose for the Word of God's sake.
 - B. Make sure you allow tribulation to work patience.
 - Lesson #2 – Distress Will Arise
 - Distress – those internal and external pressures that we face for Christ's sake.
 - A. More than a conqueror in the nature of the assignment.
 - B. More than a conqueror in the conditions of the assignment.
 - C. More than a conqueror in the procedure of the assignment.

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- Persecution – that which is intended to draw you away and cause you to flee from your assignment.
- Three reasons why Paul wrote Timothy:
 1. Because Timothy had become ashamed of the gospel.
 2. Because Timothy had become ashamed of Paul.
 3. Because Timothy had become ashamed of what he believed.
 - The enemy will send persecution to draw you away and cause you to flee your assignment by:
 1. By persecuting your lifestyle.
 - A. Trying to make you ashamed of the gospel of what you believe (Dan. 3:8-23).
 - B. By casting doubt on what you believe (Dan. 6:10-15).

C. They want to cause you to deny Jesus (2 Tim. 1:5-14).

2. By persecuting your local church.

- A. The pastor is the first one to be persecuted.**
- B. They persecute what you have been taught.**
- C. They will persecute your loyalty to your local church.**

3. They will persecute Jesus.

- How do you know when Jesus is being persecuted?**
- When the church starts to deny His finished work.**

4. The believer will suffer persecution; he cannot escape it, not if he is a genuine believer.

- A. The believer will suffer persecution because they are not of this world (John 15:19).**
- B. We will suffer persecution because believers strip away the world's cloak of sin (Dan. 8:8-23; John 15:18, 22).**
- C. We suffer persecution because the world does not know God nor Christ (Dan. 6:10-15; John 15:21).**
- D. We suffer persecution because the world is deceived in its concept and belief of God (John 16:2-3).**