

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 mist 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).