

Most Important Prophecy for You

Currently Fulfilling Around You









What Prophecy Is Most Important?

- Some just have to know Revelation's two witnesses.
- Some want to know the difference of 1290 and 1335.
- Smoky locusts with hair like women and teeth as lions?
- Some ask when did the 1260 days begin and end?
- What is the number of the name of Revelation's beast?

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Perilous Times Prophecy

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3:1	Warning of the Times
3:2-5a	Character of the Times
3:5b	Response to the Times
3:6-13	Characters of the Times
3:14-17	Cure for the Times
4:1-5	Charge for the Times

Warning (3:1)

- Perilous times are very dangerous, full of risk, dreadful.
- The danger is not any of the dangers men most fear.
- The danger, as shown, is compromising Christianity.
- You are in a war ... take a strong stand and find out.
- Rather than persecute ... now Satan pleases saints.

Warning (3:1)

- Here is inspired danger! ... but most want *Left Behind*.
- The perils are for Christians ... not for lost mankind.
- Unacceptable Christianity is about to be described.
- Every pastor, father, and serious Christian ... Beware!
- Who will oppose an onslaught of Jesus-loving heretics?

Character (3:2-5a)

- *Self-love* and self-esteem would prevail against Christ.
- *Covetousness* and greed prevail against contentment.
- *Boasters* will proliferate against Jesus-Paul humility.
- *Pride* will use “reverend” and use their name for things.
- *Blasphemers* will be irreverent for God’s holy things.

Character (3:2-5a)

- *Disobedience to parents* will be allowed by believers.
- *Unthankful* will mark those wanting more and more.
- *Unholy* describes compromise with sin and world.
- *Without natural affection* is sodomy and perversions.
- *Trucebreakers* are implacable and violate peace/unity.

Character (3:2-5a)

- *False accusers* evil surmise about others and slander.
- *Incontinent* is lack of temperance and self-discipline.
- *Fierce* describes men that are not kind or gentle.
- *Despisers of those that are good* ridicule holy men.
- *Traitors* fight authority in home, church, and nation.

Character (3:2-5a)

- *Heady* is arrogant, hasty, rash, and impulsive choices.
- *Highminded* is conceited and haughty view of ideas.
- *Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God* is clear.
- *Form of godliness without power* is religious ritual.
- These 19 symptoms of perilous times must be hated.



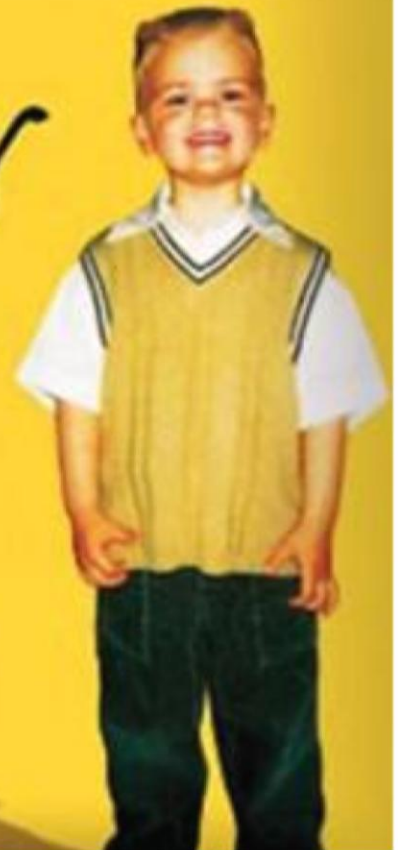
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AND WATCH SOME FOOTBALL.
NO 5PM SERVICE FEBRUARY 2.
WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!



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Response (3:2-5b)

- Paul told Timothy to separate from such Christians.
- Ministers mark and avoid false teachers (Rom 16:17-18).
- Reject their false, foolish ideas of tolerance and unity.
- Churches and saints must draw lines and reject them.
- Churches and saints must also reject their symptoms.

Characters (3:6-13)

- These false teachers would prey on silly women.
- Women are easier to deceive, like Eve in Eden.
- False religion, even if bizarre, appeals to them.
- Electronic means allow this more than ever before.
- In spite of seminars, these women know nothing.

Characters (3:6-13)

- Which sex most visits Hinn shows or bookstores?
- Christian women today are very Biblically ignorant.
- Jannes and Jambres were two of Pharaoh's magicians.
- They duplicated only a little and then were exposed.
- Paul called these men reprobates with corrupt minds.

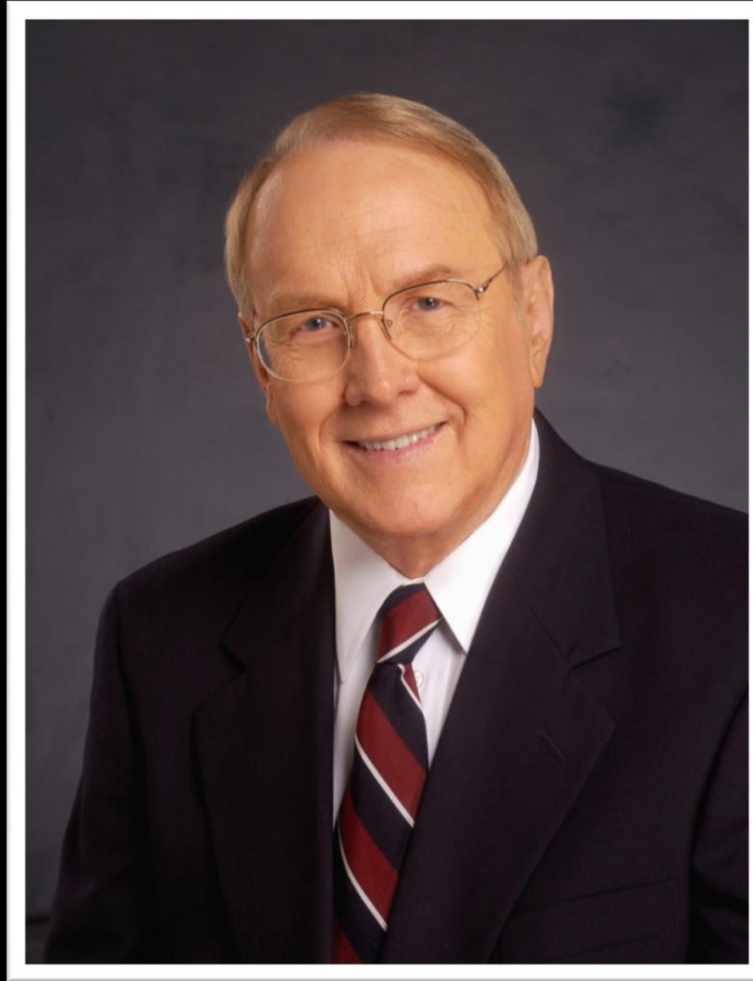
Characters (3:6-13)

- Godly men will be able to see through shenanigans.
- Moses vs. Jannes/Jambres ... Paul vs. Benny/Joel!
- Paul is the example to follow for every true minister.
- Paul gave Timothy 10 traits of ministry: doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions, deliverance.

Characters (3:6-13)

- Forget new success gurus ... real ministers follow Paul.
- Paul is the source and example of Gentile preachers.
- If you live a godly life, carnal Christians will hate you.
- Postmillennial hopes are wrong – things will get worse.
- Deceivers and deception will get worse ... like today.

A Creep Entering Houses for Women



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Cure (3:14-17)

- The cure is not to change ... the faith once delivered!
- All the truth you have learned should be your anchor.
- Are you assured of the truth? Timothy was assured!
- Paul appealed to his own office for the truth's value.
- You have Paul's words in writing on any needed topic.

Cure (3:14-17)

- Ministers must hold fast! Members must hold fast!
- A church comes together to help each other hold fast!
- Are you able and ready to earnestly contend for truth?
- Timothy was taught as a child. Are your children?
- All questions and issues must be taken to the Bible.

Cure (3:14-17)

- The opinions of all men are worthless (Ps 119:128; Is 8:20).
- It must be instinct to demand Bible for everything.
- The Bible is God's words for you to fully know truth.
- The Bible is profitable for every aspect of religion.
- There is nothing you need to know not in the Bible.

Cure (3:14-17)

- A pastor does not need any other religious manual.
- You know the verse ... but now you know its context.
- Its very important role is the cure for perilous times.
- 40 days in the Bible is better than 40 anywhere else.
- Everything needed is in it ... and is not anywhere else.

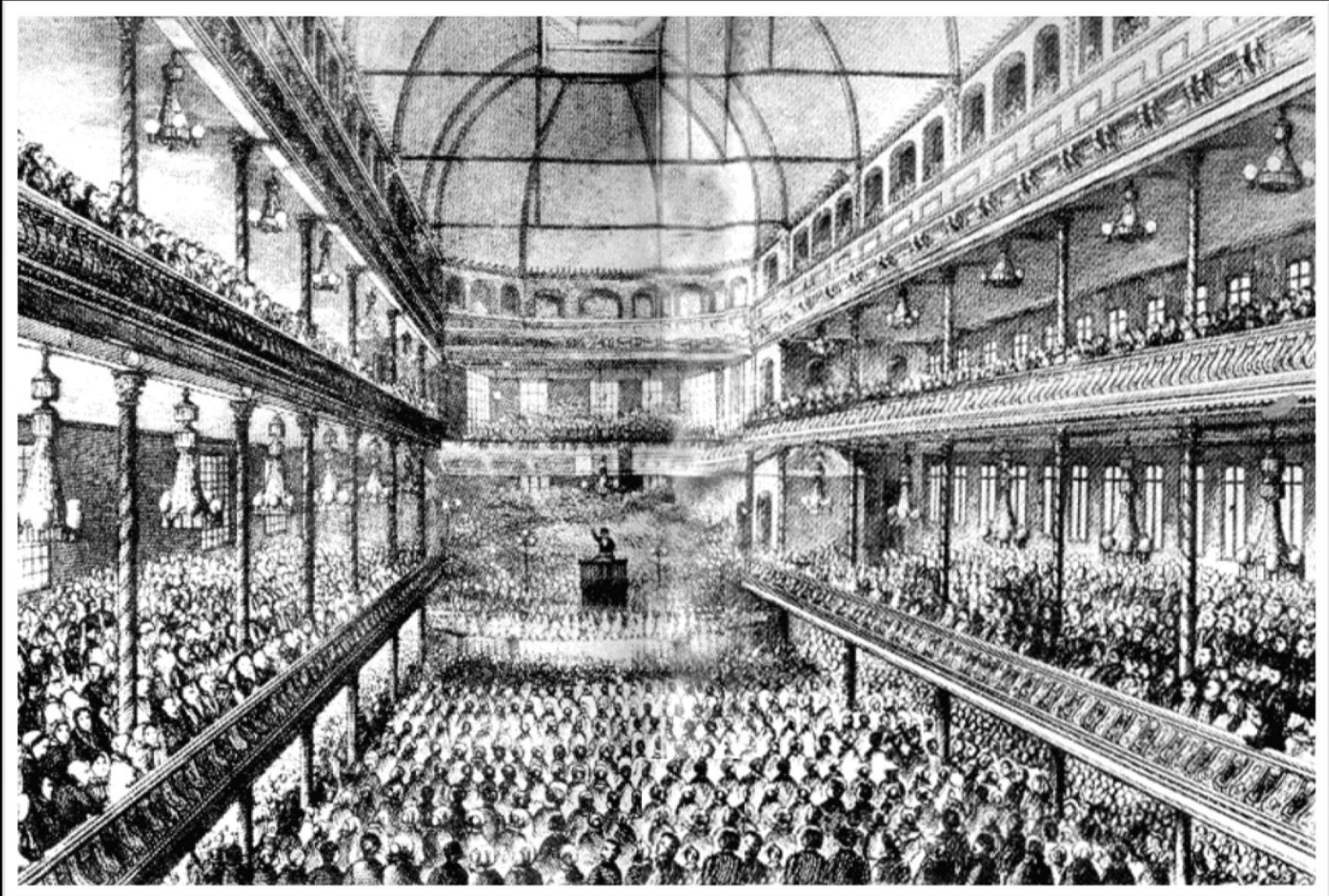
Cure (3:14-17)

- A pastor can be perfect by following the Bible closely.
- The Bible furnishes the man of God for every need.
- Every good work is clearly taught in the Bible for him.
- How do you encourage the man of God in his Bible?
- Attention? Word? Punctuality? Support? Obedience?

Cure (3:14-17)

- What version is scripture? There are no “originals”!
- There has been a new Bible every year for the last 113!
- We know the KJV is scripture by faith, fruit, facts, fools.
- Modern versions are hand-in-hand with perilous times.
- Compromised Bibles lead to compromised doctrine.

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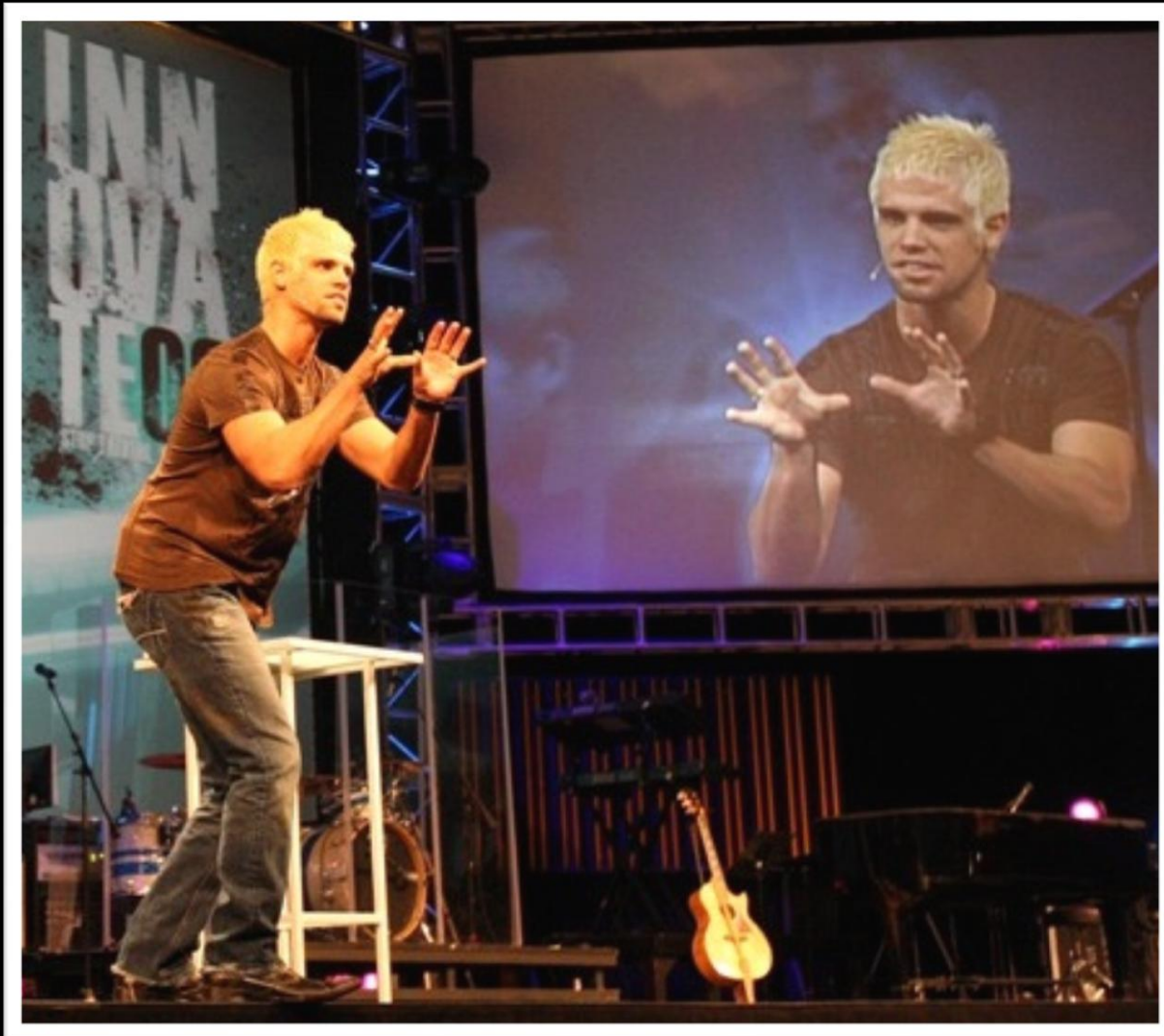


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Church Turned into Nightclub



The New Evangelists



Church Turned into Nightclub



The New Pastoral Staff



Charge (4:1-5)

- Paul's charge shows the seriousness of the prophecy!
- This is the ultimate in name-dropping for attention!
- This charge should motivate a minister every day.
- The consequences of compromise are very great.
- The charge here is to apply the cure with great zeal.

Charge (4:1-5)

- Preach the word! There is no alternative to this cure!
- There is no place for stories, jokes, anecdotes, etc.
- God's words are like a hammer and a fire (Jer 23:28-29).
- God's words should be exalted in fear and sobriety.
- Ministers and members should tremble before Bible.

Types of Bible Translations



NASB - New American Standard Bible
AMP - Amplified Bible
ESV - English Standard Version
RSV - Revised Standard Version
KJV - King James Version
NKJV - New King James Version

HCSB - Holman Christian Standard Bible
NRSV - New Revised Standard Version
NAB - New American Bible
NJB - New Jerusalem Bible
NIV - New International Version
TNIV - Today's New International Version
NCV - New Century Version
NLT - New Living Translation

NiRV - New International Reader's Version
GNT - Good News Translation
(also Good News Bible)
CEV - Contemporary English Version
TLB - The Living Bible
MSG - The Message



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Charge (4:1-5)

- Instant in season = pressing, urgent, insistent.
- Out of season = when an audience is not receptive.
- Reprove = to disapprove or condemn; to rebuke.
- Rebuke = to reprove, reprimand, chide severely.
- Not much room so far for flattery, jokes, or positivism!

Charge (4:1-5)

- Exhort = admonish earnestly; insist upon duties.
- Longsuffering? ... do not let opposition affect you!
- Longsuffering? ... this is not compromise for rebellion.
- Doctrine? ... all commands are taken back to the Bible.
- Doctrine? ... as ambassador for Christ on behalf of God.

Charge (4:1-5)

- Perilous times bring a change in what hearers want.
- Hearers dislike and resent didactic, doctrinal teaching.
- Hearers dislike and resent godly, holy, sober standards.
- They will look for teachers that will allow their lusts.
- They want their itching ears scratched with fables.

Charge (4:1-5)

- Paul charged Timothy to watch his ministry vigilantly.
- Paul charged to endure afflictions – they would come.
- Do the work of an evangelist to reach out to others.
- He was to prove his calling by fulfilling all his duties.
- A minister can be mighty by following this prophecy.

Charge (4:1-5)

- They will not want the truth of God's word any longer.
- They will choose to be entertained by fables instead.
- They will want to feel good in their lusts by any means.
- They will want happy, popular, friendly entertainment.
- This prophecy is perfectly fulfilled all around us today.

Entertainment & Fables



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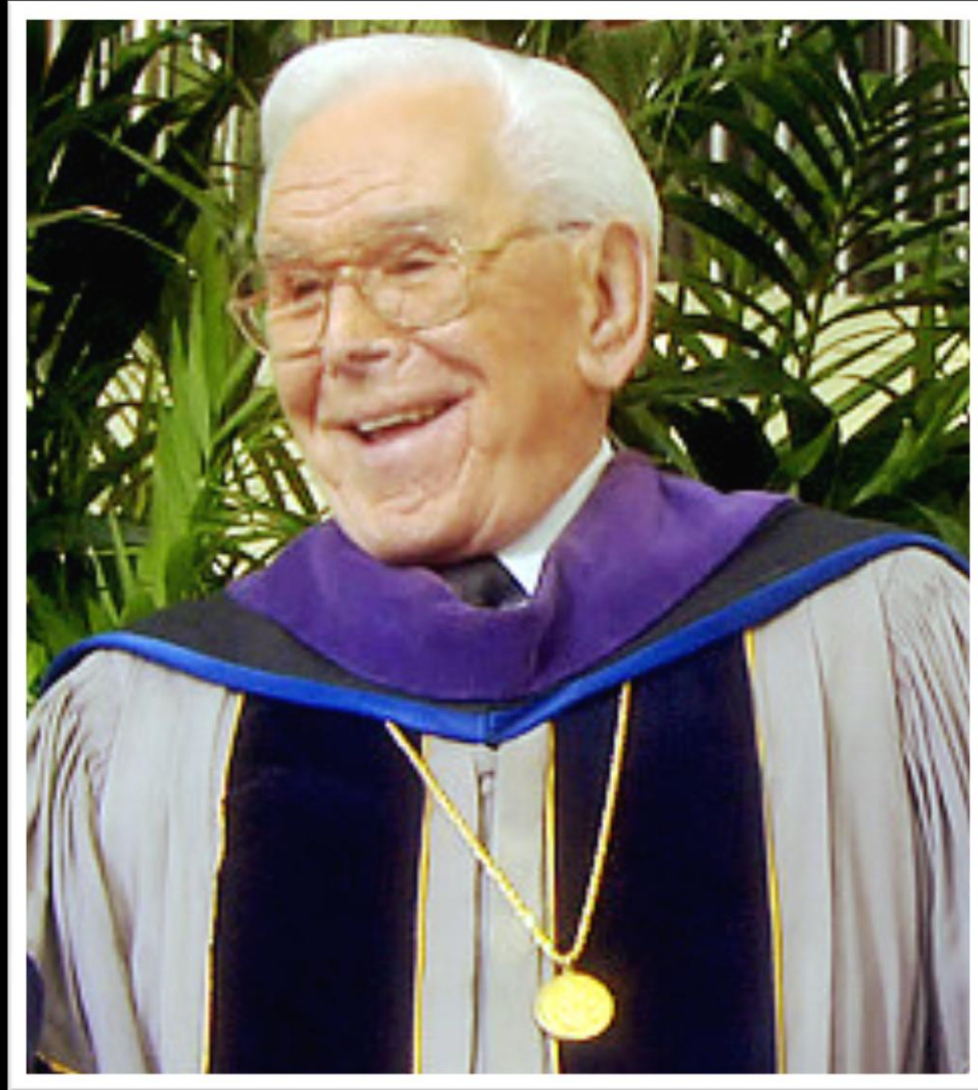
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Antidotes to Irreverent Worship

- Preparation (on Saturday nights is extremely helpful).
- Punctuality is very conducive (arriving 15min early).
- Participation (always staying awake and alert with Amen!)
- Parenting (keeping children in service and very quiet).
- Peaceful (humbly taking correction for unity of body).

Conclusion

- Perilous times are today's compromising Christianity.
- Reject the 19 character traits from family and church.
- Reject the distraction of fighting any other enemy.
- Emphasize the Bible and its old paths for your church.
- God chose you for perilous times! Are you up for it?

For Further Study

Perilous Times ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/exposition/perilous-times/sermon.php>.

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