

## **IN TIMES LIKE THESE** **Part 2: Lights in the Darkness**

**TEXT: (2 Timothy 3:1 NKJV)**

### **LIVING IN A DARK WORLD**

- Things that flourish in the dark
  1. Uncertainty
  2. Fear
  3. Deception
- A different environment for believers **(1 Peter 2:9 NKJV)**
  1. Called out of darkness, enabled to live differently
  2. No longer dominated by uncertainty, fear and deception
  3. For the purpose of making known how good our God is

### **FOUR LIGHTS IN A DARK NATION**

- The king was troubled
  1. But the experts had no answers
- Daniel's response **(Daniel 2:13-22 NKJV)**
  1. The decree was harsh
  2. He operated in a different spirit
- Daniel and friends leaned on their connection with God
  1. Daniel solicited help from his faith friendships
  2. These four had confidence in a bigger God
  3. God revealed the king's dream
- Daniel gave God the credit **(Daniel 2:26-28 NKJV)**
  1. Daniel acknowledged the experts did not have the answers
  2. Daniel acknowledged the wisdom and power of God
  3. All four men were promoted in that dark kingdom

### **LIVING AS LIGHTS IN THE DARKNESS (Ephesians 5:8-9 NKJV)**

- We walk differently
  1. We respond to people in a different spirit **(Ephesians 4:29 NIV)**
- We walk confidently
  1. We believe God is real
  2. We believe God will help us
  3. We believe in the connection we have with Him **(2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV)**
  4. We believe He has answers the experts don't have
- We walk with humility **(Psalm 34:1-3 NKJV)**
  1. We are a rejoicing people
  2. We boast in and magnify God not us
  3. He is still able to promote us