2 Tim. 3:1-5

What does Paul mean by “the last days”? Will Timothy experience the last days? (Is. 2:2-4; Jer. 49:39; Acts 2:9-21; Heb. 1:1-2; 1 Tim. 4:1-5; James 5:1-7; 2 Pet. 3:1-4)

What does Paul mean that difficult times will come? Aren’t men bad in every age?

Understanding that this text is not written primarily about America nor limited to America, do you see an increase in the kinds of vices listed in the text in America today?

How are boastfulness, arrogance and conceit in vogue today?

In what ways do we see ingratitude increasing?

In what ways do we see an increase in people being irreconcilable?

In what ways do we see malicious gossip and reviling on the increase?

How is an absence of self-control evident?

In what ways do we see brutality?
Are Americans largely haters of good? How so?

Compare this list (vv. 2-4) with Romans 1:21-32. Since America is excelling at all these corruptions, what must have happened to us?

What happens to love when God withdraws from a nation? (Matt. 10:21-22; Matt. 24:7-12; 1 Jn. 4:7-8)

What things/tools/means does God use to keep unbelievers from such an intensified moral declension?

What happened to these means of restraint?

What does it mean to hold to a form of godliness while denying its power? (Matt. 15:1-9; Matt. 23:25-28; Titus 1:15-16)

v. 5 -- How does this verse also describe America today?

Why should we avoid such men as these? Why not evangelize them? (Prov. 20:19; Prov. 22:24-25; 1 Cor. 15:33; Rom. 16:17-18; Titus 3:10; 1 Cor. 5:1-6)