LAST DAYS SURVIVAL GUIDE

EIGHT HINDRANCES TO SERVING GOD

1. WE MUST REALIZE THAT THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT WILL OPPOSE US AND KEEP US FROM SERVING GOD THE WAY WE REALLY WANT TO. (JAMES 5:7-9)

A. We must not always blame the devil for everything.

B. Sometimes it's our own lack of character (or performance) that causes us the biggest problems.

C. **Vs. 7** — Be patient therefore.

D. **Vs. 8** — Establish your hearts.

E. **Vs 8b** — The Lord's coming is at hand.

2. YOU MUST LEARN TO ENDURE THE HARDNESS AND HARDSHIPS THAT YOU WILL BE FACED WITH IN THIS LIFE. (2 TIM 2:3-4)

A. **Vs. 4** — Never, ever, never allow yourself the privilege of entangling yourself in the affairs of this life.

3. A LIST OF EIGHT THNGS THAT WILL ABSOLUTELY HINDER YOU FROM SERVING GOD:

1. A covetous heart

(a) You cannot be jealous of another man's ministry.

(b) You cannot be hungry for money or prosperity.

(c) You cannot serve God and mammon.

(d) You cannot afford to have multiple businesses mixed with your ministry.

2. A baby attitude

(a) Do not be selfish.

(b) Do not seek to get your own way.

(c) Do not pout if things don't go your way.

(d) Do not have pity parties.

(e) Do not quit because you are weary and tired.

(f) Do not sniffle because you don't have enough personal time with the pastor.

3. Blaming God

(a) Do not blame God — no matter what.

(b) Do not blame God's Word — no matter what.

(c) Do not blame God's house — no matter what.

(d) Do not blame God's people — no matter what.

(e) Do not blame you pastor (God's man) — no matter what.

(f) Blame the devil for his part.

(g) Take responsibility for your own actions and lack of faith.

4. Unbelief (a robber)

(a) Unbelief makes you feel inferior.

(b) Unbelief makes you feel insecure.

(c) Unbelief leads you into the sin of familiarity.

(d) Feeding constantly on the Word will build your faith and kill off unbelief.

5. Fear of man

(a) Always obey God rather than man.

(b) Desire to be accepted by man, but never seek to please man.

(c) If you're not careful, the sin of Saul will get on you.

(d) People will try to seduce you and steer you the way they want you to go.

6. Unwilling to count the cost

   (a) You must count the cost of discipleship.

   (b) You must be willing to pay the price.

   (c) "Minister" means to be a public servant/officer at your own expense.

   (d) Many think that they can make it, then they quit after a short time. Do not do this.

7. Procrastination (a real hindrance)

   (a) Procrastination is delayed obedience.

   (b) Either do it or let someone else do it.

   (c) Patience is sure, but procrastination is a lazy man's excuse.

   (d) Don't ever put off until tomorrow what you can do today. Jesus said that each day has its own warfare.

8. Spiritual stargazers

   (a) Many think that the ministry is nothing but promotion and prestige.

   (b) Don't let the "Hollywood" spirit get on you.

   (c) Don't be spooky about spiritual things.

   (d) Get your eyes off the billboards and the tinsel that some crave because of man's applause.

   (e) Ministry is a lot of work, work, work.

   (f) The pulpit is the luxury part of the ministry but only the smallest part. Many people think it's the "only" part of the ministry.