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## BS2-People Proofing Yourself

### A. KNOWING THE TIMES AND SEASONS

1. (1 Thessalonians 5:1 KJV) But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.
- 2.(2 Thessalonians 2:3 KJV) Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
3. (1 Timothy 4:1 KJV) Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;
4. (Matthew 24:12-13 KJV) And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. {13} But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.
- 5.(Matthew 10:21-22 KJV) And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. {22} And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

### 6. THE THREE MAJOR AREAS OF TRIBULATION

#### CHURCH PHYSICAL

#### FAMILY

#### WORK PLACE-FINANCE

(Revelation 6:6 NIV) Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!"

7. THE GOOD NEWS(John 14:27 KJV) Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

8.John 16:33 KJV) These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

### B. THE WAY OF LOVE

9. THE NEW COMMANDMENT(John 13:34-35 KJV) A new commandment I give unto you,

That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. {35} By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

It was "new" because Jesus not only told us that we should love, but he showed us HOW to love.

10. THE LOVE RISK(Romans 12:18 KJV) If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

"Love" does NOT mean we have to accept abuse

11. THE GENTILE SAVIOR(Matthew 12:20 KJV) A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.

12. OUR NEED FOR UNDERSTANDING(Romans 3:10-12 KJV) As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: {11} There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. {12} They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

13. THE FRIENDSHIP COMMITMENT(1 Thessalonians 2:8 KJV) So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

14. THE SWINGING DOOR OF FRIENDSHIP(Proverbs 18:24 KJV) A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

15. BREAKING THE HANDSHAKE BARRIER(1 Peter 1:22 NIV) Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.

16. WE NOT ONLY NEED TO BE LOVED; WE NEED TO LOVE AND TO BE IN THE LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS(Luke 8:13 KJV) They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

17.Ephesians 3:16-17 KJV) That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; {17} That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18.Romans 5:5 KJV) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

19. TAKING THE LOVE PLUNGE(1 John 4:18 KJV) There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

### C. PREPARING YOURSELF TO LOVE

20. LOVE IS A DECISION(Matthew 7:12-14 NIV) So in everything, do to others what you

would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. {13} "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. {14} But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Decide that by the Lord's help you will go through the narrow gate.

21. THE MECHANICS OF LOVE(Philippians 4:11-13 NIV) I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. {12} I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. {13} I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

#### D. HOLDING YOUR GROUND

22.Hebrews 10:25 KJV) Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

23.(2 Timothy 2:15 KJV) Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

24.(1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV) pray continually;

25. (Psalms 150 NIV) Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. {2} Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. {3} Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, {4} praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, {5} praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. {6} Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.