

**Living In The Last Days
Part One: Turn Around
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A Picture of Maturity:

We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thes. 1:3

1. A Faith that _____
2. A Love that _____
3. A Hope that _____

How To Get There:

1) You must _____

They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven.... 1 Thes. 1:9-10

This U Turn Involves Two Turns:

- Turning _____
- Turning _____

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; Eph. 4:22-23

2) Make sure your faith is _____

When the Message we preached came to you, it wasn't just words. Something happened in you. 1 Thes. 1:5 (Mes)

- _____ you do have a responsibility to talk!

But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven't heard of the One who can be

trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? Romans 10:14 (Mes)

- _____ on God's Power.

because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. 1 Thess. 1:5

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. Romans 1:16

so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. 1 Cor. 2:5

- _____ in the Holy Spirit.

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 1 Cor. 2:4

He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 2 Cor. 3:6

- _____ your deepest convictions.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 2 Cor. 5:14

3) _____ your life after mature believers.

You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 1 Thes. 1:6

4) _____ a good model for others to follow.

As a result, you yourselves became an example to all the Christians in Greece. 1 Thes. 1:7 (NLT)

It wasn't that we didn't have the right to ask you to feed us, but we wanted to give you an example to follow. 2 Thes. 3:9 (NLT)