

### **Opening Statement**

"When a nation turns away from God and the foundation on which it was established, the turning of spirit will inevitably lead to a turning of values, the changing of standards, laws, and precepts.

Cahn, Jonathan. **The Harbinger II**: The Return (p. 134). Charisma House.

### **Deeper Truths**

**2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Question:** How many times does the word "Love" appear in the book of Act?

## Keep Hold of the Deeper Truths

- 1. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- 2. **Teaching:** Doctrine, "What's right"
- 3. **Rebuking:** Reproof, "What's not right"
- 4. Correcting: "How to get right"
- 5. Training: Instructions, "How to stay right"

**1st Timothy 3:1-7** 

## A Leader's Holy Life & Traps

- 1. **Overseer:** A reputation of faithfulness to your spouse, peaceable, spirit-led, admired, able to lead people in the ways of God.
- 2. 1st Trap: Don't depend on wine, Don't operate in a violent/argumentative in spirit. Not motivated by financial gain. (Outer)
- 3. Holy life: A family life that is an example.
- 4. **Seasoned in the faith:** The test of this is humility and what people outside the church say about you.

- 5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trap: New convert, pride, easily deceived & overly confident. (Inward)
- 6. **3**<sup>rd</sup> **Trap:** The devil is setting traps for you.
- 7. **V:1 An overseer** is a noble task in the Kingdom of God. He is looking for noble men and women today.

#### 1st Timothy 3:8-13

## The Holy Servants of God

- 1. V:9 A Keeper of "deep truths of the faith." They know the seasons and what to do.
- 2. A clear conscience: Their minds are set on things above not twisted by the flesh.
- 3. **V:10** <u>Tested</u>: They seen battles and have come through them. Growing in the faith.
- 4. **V:11** Keeps a confidence and is honorable in everything.
- 5. V:13 A promised benefit in their foundation of truth and assurances of the faith.

### 1st Timothy 3:14-16

# Keeping The Mystery Alive

- 1. **Our conduct** is connected to the awe of the living God. Who upholds His Word as pillars & establishes His truth as the foundation. (<u>Read Matthew's</u> Gospel)
  - A. All Christian goodness is connected to our obedience to His Word.
  - B. Any other foundation launches/creates a different outcome.
- 2. V:16 The Deeper mysteries focus on Jesus as the Messiah to the World & Kingdom living.
  - A. Witnessed by angels.
  - B. **Preached** among all the nations.
  - C. **Believed** on by the world.
  - D. **Taken-up** in glory to return in it.