



Spiritual Leadership in a Changing Culture

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KEY VERSE

2 Thess. 2:13-15 ESV

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

WE STRUGGLE TO STAND FIRM

REASONS

1. Sin
2. Satan
3. Lack of Discipleship
4. Apathy
5. Loss of Love
6. Lawlessness

Definition

LAWLESSNESS (ἀνομία)

“without law”; not just ignorance of law or willful disobedience, but utter contempt for the law; total rejection of God or any authority

2 Tim. 3:1-5

“But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.”

SOURCES OF STRENGTH

1. We are Loved
2. We are Chosen
3. We are Saved
4. We are Sanctified
5. We have Faith
6. We are Called
7. We are Glorified

APPLICATION

1. **STAND FIRM IN YOUR FAITH!**
(2 Thess. 2:15a)
2. **HOLD FAST TO THE WORD OF GOD!**
(2 Thess. 2:15b)