

II Timothy 3:10-17

- "Those who hate me without cause are more numerous than the hairs of my head; my deceitful enemies, who would destroy me, are powerful." (Psalm 69:1-4)
- "My adversaries taunt me, as if crushing my bones, while all day long they say to me, "Where is your God?" Why, my soul, are you so dejected? Why are you in such turmoil?" (Psalm 42:5-11)



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- "Noah, however, found favor with the Lord. These are the family records of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among his contemporaries; Noah walked with God." (Genesis 6:8,9)
- "Daniel determined that he would not defile himself with the king's food or with the wine he drank." (Daniel 1:8)
- "And some of you used to be like this." (I Corinthians 6:11)

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• "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin." (Hebrews 4:15)

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Therefore, it is His desire that His followers maintain their faithfulness, and stand boldly for God's will.

