## passing on the

# in a world of unbelief

aith

- facing misdirected love



# It's all about me...

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money.

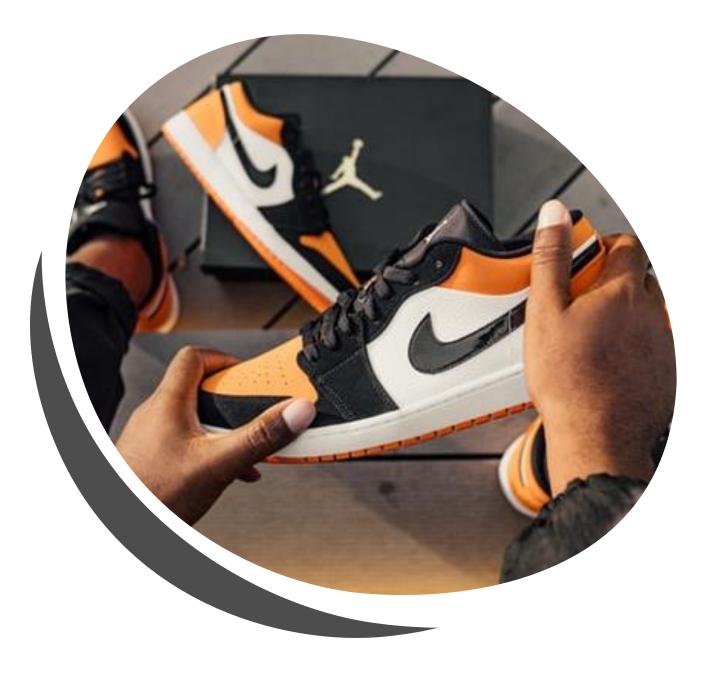


# Where is my love focused?

## The World promotes this order

- •Love yourself
- •Love yourself some more
- •Love your friends (who can love you back)
- Don't worry too much about anyone else

Sometimes obviously, sometimes subtly...





# I Know better than God

# Our choices, focused on ourselves, leads to...

- Reckless
- Slanderous
- Boastful
- Unloving
- Disobedient
- Disloyal
- Impulsive
- Perverse
- Cruel



#### <u>1 Timothy</u>

These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, and they have turned their backs on the truth. To them, a show of godliness is just a way to become wealthy. (verse 5)

But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. (verse 9)

For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. (Verse 10)

Philippians 1 v 27: Hebrews  $12 \vee 1$ : 1 Peter 1 v 13: 1 Peter 2 v 1: James 3 v 13-18:

"Live as citizens of Heaven"

"...let us strip of every weight that slows us down..."

"Think clearly and exercise self control"

"Get rid of all evil behaviour. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy and all unkind speech"

"Be humble, love peace, be gentle (always)"

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Ephesians 4 v 1-5: humble and gentle,
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Ephesians 4 v 29:

Philippians 2 v 3: impress

Titus 3 v 2:

"Live a worthy life, be be patient, be peaceful"

"Don't use foul language"

"Don't be selfish, don't try to others. Be humble..."

"They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarrelling. They should be gentle and show true humility"



## Matthew 5 v 44



**Reckless** Slanderous Boastful Unloving Disobedient Disloyal Impulsive Perverse Cruel

Patient Kind Gentle Loving Peaceful Faithful Controlled Good Joyful

#### Philippians 2 v 3-4

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

What would our church look like, if we truly, fully and radically looked out for others before ourselves?

What patterns of our life could/should be different to culture today, so that we might pursue Godliness?