

LIVING FEARLESSLY IN THESE LAST DAYS.

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2Thessalonians 2:2-KJV

2 **That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled,** neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Soon - quickly, suddenly.

Shaken - to shake, to waver, to totter, or to be moved.

1. WHOEVER OR WHATEVER CONTROLS A PERSON'S MIND ULTIMATELY HAS THE POWER TO DICTATE THE AFFAIRS AND OUTCOME OF THAT PERSON'S LIFE.

2 Timothy 1:7-Passion Translation

7 For God will never give you the spirit of cowardly fear, but he gives *the Holy Spirit* who gives you mighty power, love, and sound judgment!

Mind - *describes everything in the realm of the intellect, including one's will, emotions, and ability to think, reason, and decide.*

Troubled - *indicates an inward fright... that results from the shocking occurrences that will come in the last days.*

John 14:1-NLT

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in Me.

2. ALLOWING THE WORD OF GOD TO DWELL IN YOU ...WILL PRODUCE GOD'S PEACE IN TROUBLED TIMES.

Colossians 3:15-16-NKJV

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Rule - *describes an umpire who calls all the shots and makes all the decisions.*

Richly - *can be translated lavishly or abundantly.*

Ephesians 3:20-ESV

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,...

2Thessalonians 2:15-AMP

15 So then, brethren, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions and instructions which you were taught by us, whether by our word of mouth or by letter.

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, Who loved us and gave us everlasting consolation and encouragement and well-founded hope through [His] grace (unmerited favor),

17 Comfort and encourage your hearts and strengthen them [make them steadfast and keep them unswerving] in every good work and word.

2Thessalonians 2:2 (according to the Greek words used, it could say):

*"Some things will be happening right before His coming that could shake you up quite a bit. I'm referring to events that will be so dramatic that they could really leave your head spinning — occurrences of such a serious nature that many people will end up feeling alarmed, panicked, intimidated, and even unnerved! Naturally speaking, these events could nearly drive you over the brink emotionally, putting your nerves on edge and making you feel apprehensive and insecure about life. I wish I could tell you these incidents were going to be just a one-shot deal, but when they finally get rolling, they're going to keep coming and coming, one after another. That's why you have to determine not to be shaken or moved by anything you see or hear. You need to get a grip on your mind and refuse to allow yourselves to be traumatized by these events. If you let these things get to you, it won't be too long until you're a nervous wreck! So decide beforehand that you are not going to give in and allow 'fright' to worm its way into your mind and emotions until it runs your whole life."*

*Is God's Word the foundation of your life today?*

*Whatever you dwell on the most is what will dominate you, so isn't it time that you make God's Word the primary focus of your attention?*

Make this your confession in the days to come:

*I confess that God's Word dominates my mind, my will, and my emotions! Because I have put God's Word into my heart, I am not shaken or easily moved by the things that occur in the world around me. I know who I am; I am secure in my Father's love; and I recognize that He destined me to live in these last days because He has a special plan for me. Regardless of what I see or hear, I take my stand on the promises of God's Word, and it provides me with safety and security! I declare this by faith in Jesus' name!*