

The Four “uns” (*unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving*)

Purpose: to remind believers of the worsening condition of evil men (*unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving*) and encourage them to live differently.

What is an “un”?

A prefix meaning “not” (*unfair; unfelt; unseen; unfitting; unformed; unheard-of, etc.*)

So, here are 4 things:

- That people are going to be like in these last days
- That we should ask God to help us “not” to walk in during these last days

2 Timothy 3:2,3

For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ***unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving***, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

#1 - Unthankful - Ingratitude is a great crime and is an indication of a decline in religion. It is one of the reasons that sinful man becomes futile/empty in thought and ends up in darkness.

Rom 1:21 - because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, ***nor were thankful***, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

When we are not thankful, it is usually because we have forgotten the one that has been good to us.

When we are not thankful, we tend to become negative as we focus on the things that we are unhappy about, which results in bitterness, resentment, fear, and selfishness.

We are told over and over to give thanks to God:

Psa 50:14 - Offer to God thanksgiving,
And pay your vows to the Most High.

Psa 147:7 - Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
Sing praises on the harp to our God,

Col 3:17 - And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Why do we give thanks?

1Th 5:18 - in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Psa 100:4 - Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,

And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.
Psa 100:5 - For the LORD *is* good;
His mercy *is* everlasting,
And His truth *endures* to all generations.

Psa 18:48 - He delivers me from my enemies.
You also lift me up above those who rise against me;
You have delivered me from the violent man.
Psa 18:49 - Therefore I will give thanks to You,
O LORD, among the Gentiles,
And sing praises to Your name.

So, the first “un” is unthankful. What is the second?

#2 - Unholy - To be holy is to be set apart, separated from sin and unrighteousness. Therefore, to be unholy is the direct opposite. It means to have no regard or reverence for God. It also means to be wicked.

1Co 3:17 - If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.

1 Pe 1:15 - but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct,
1Pe 1:16 - because it is written, "BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

This is one of the ways to know a true believer in Christ:

1Th 4:7 - For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

Heb 12:14 - Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

Men will be unthankful and unholy in the last days. What is the third “un”?

#3 - Unloving – this is the Greek word: *as'-tor-gos*

Thayer - without natural affection, unsociable, inhuman, unloving.

Mounce - devoid of natural or instinctive affection, without affection to kindred.

Strong - *hard hearted* towards kindred: - without natural affection.

This word is also translated: heartless, without natural affection, without natural love, lacking normal affection for their families, no love for others, unkind.

In short, this means that in these last days many will lose the natural love for family and kindred. This is not to be confused with the divide which Jesus makes between families because of the gospel, but this is simply selfishness that replaces what should be the natural love for family members. Examples of this are:

- Parents sending their children away because they don't want to raise them.

- Children running away from their parents due to rebellion.
- Religious orders demanding leaders to leave their wives and families.
- Cults and religions demanding that women or children be sacrificed to a god.
- Unbelieving relatives turning against believing relatives.

It happened to Job:

Job 19:19 - All my close friends abhor me,
And those whom I love have turned against me.

It happened to David:

2Sa 16:11 - And David said to Abishai and all his servants, "See how my son who came from my own body seeks my life. How much more now *may this* Benjamite? Let him alone, and let him curse; for so the LORD has ordered him.

It could happen to us!

Mat 10:21 - "Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

In these last days, men will be unthankful, unholy, unloving and...

#4 - Unforgiving - here are a few ways that this word is translated: bitter haters, hateful, refuse to forgive anyone, unappeasable, merciless, refuse to make peace with anyone, trucebreakers, unyielding, unbending.

Greek: *as'-pon-dos*

- Mounce - unwilling to make a treaty; hence, implacable (ruthless, cruel, rigid), irreconcilable.
- Strong - literally *without libation* (which usually accompanied a treaty), that is, (by implication) *truceless*: - implacable, truce-breaker.

This means that there will be some who will not be willing to be reconciled. They will not forgive, and will not be pacified or calmed no matter what you do. It also means that they will not stick to their oaths, contracts or agreements. This is happening a lot in business and in relationships. These are those who make promises yet never intend to keep them.

Mar 11:25 - "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

Summary - here are 4 characteristics of wicked men in these last days:

- **Unthankful** – showing no gratitude for the goodness of God and becoming futile in their imaginations.
- **Unholy** – with no regard or reverence for God, and therefore no reverence for others,
- **Unloving** – losing the natural love for family, friends and all of society.
- **Unforgiving** – who are not willing to be reconciled or forgive, and who will not stick to oaths and promises.

This is the way that the world is and it is becoming worse and worse as we draw nearer to the end. Let's encourage each other to walk opposite the "uns"

- Be thankful

- Be holy
- Be loving
- Be forgiving