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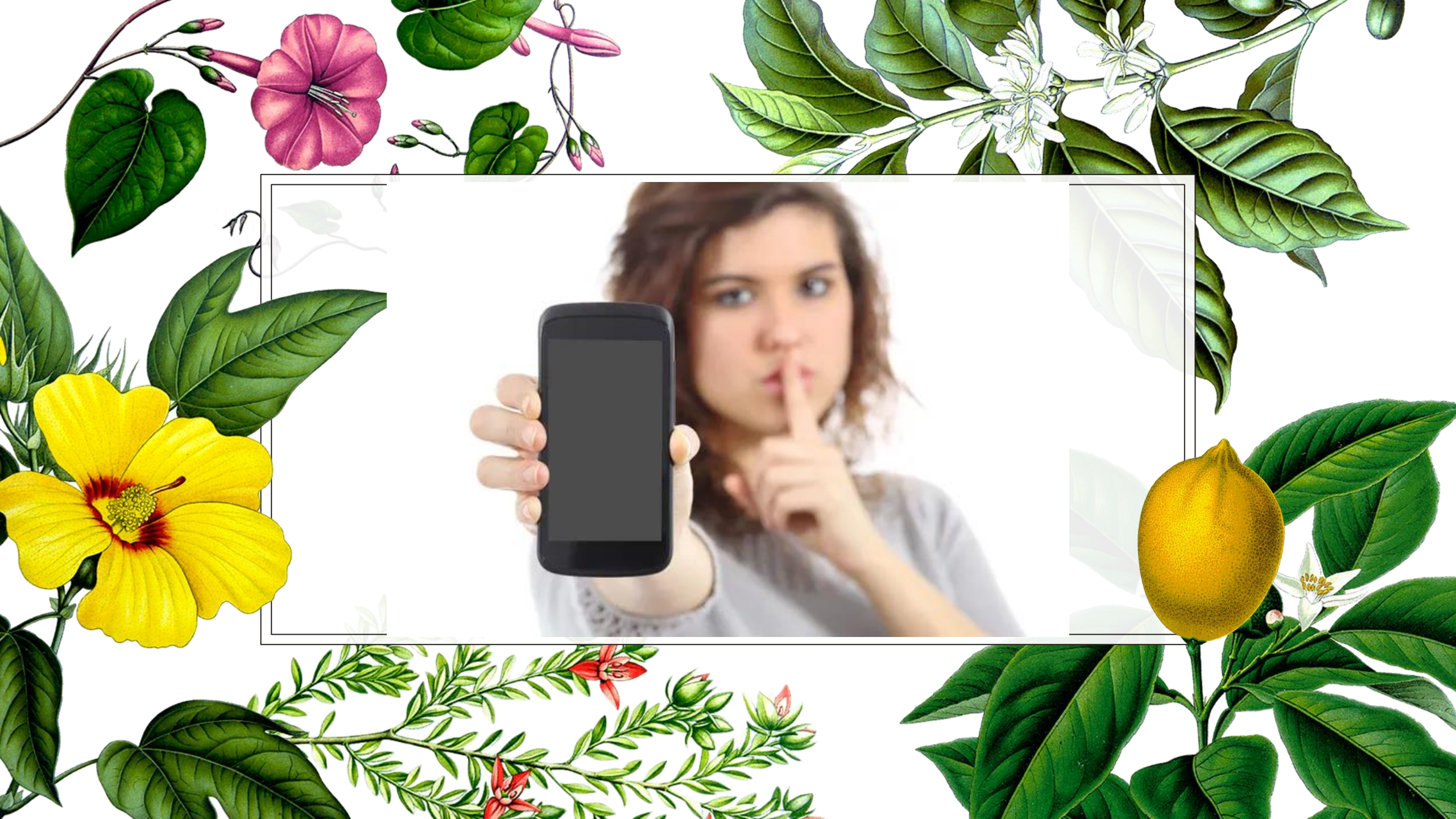
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Notes



The image shows the interior of an ancient stone building, likely a tomb or a small chapel. The walls are constructed from large, roughly-hewn stone blocks. In the center of the back wall, there is a rectangular plaque with some text, though it is difficult to read. In the foreground, there is a low stone bench or platform. The floor is also made of stone, with some areas appearing to be made of smaller, more irregular stones. The lighting is warm and somewhat dim, highlighting the texture of the stone.

2 Timothy 3

But realize this, that in the last days difficult [hard, perilous, terrifying, grievous, dangerous, terrible, distressing] times will come (2 Timothy 3:1).



What are the “last days”?

- Broad meaning: the time between the First & Second Comings of Jesus (aka “the Church Age”) = NOW!
- Narrow meaning: the time just before the Rapture (taking living & dead believers into Christ’s presence) and just before the Tribulation (7-year period of trouble when evil appears to be winning, but when Jesus returns at the end & wins)—at the end of the Church Age

What are the “last days”?

- The things that happened to those [Old Testament] people are examples. They were written down to teach us who live in the final days of this age [for whom the end / climax / culmination of the ages has come] (1 Corinthians 10:11, Expanded Bible).
- Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets at different times and in different ways. In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son (Hebrews 1:1–2a, Christian Standard Bible).

The Society of the Last Days (3:2-7)

- People will be narcissists (caring only about themselves—basis for the other sins that follow).
- materialistic
- braggarts (how they speak)
- arrogant (how they think)
- slanderous (abusive, evil speaking about others, *blasphēmoi*)
- disobedient to (not honoring) their parents
- ungrateful

The Society of the Last Days (3:2-7)

- unholy
- unloving (heartless, without natural affection)
- irreconcilable (unappeasable)
- slanderers (*diabolois*, accusing falsely, malicious gossips)
- without self-control (easily led into sin, unrestrained)
- brutal (cruel, savage, fierce)
- hating good
- treacherous (traitors toward others)

The Society of the Last Days (3:2-7)

- reckless (rash)
- loving pleasure instead of God (self-centered, self-pleasing)
- appearing religious (form of godliness without godly power)
- prone to lead weak (or idle), sinful, pseudointellectual women astray (immoral & deceitful).
- 3.13—These evil people & imposters will go from bad to worse. They both deceive others and are deceived themselves.

How to Help Our Children

- Lead them to Jesus.
- Model the behavior you desire from them.
 - Express gratitude for what you have.
 - Practice self-control.
 - Show respect for authorities.
 - Honor your own parents.
 - Care about others.



How to Help Our Children

- Be a loving, but firm authority. Teach them . . .
 - They can't have everything they want.
 - They can work & save for special desires or projects.
 - They can be generous with their money, time, & actions.
 - By providing external control until they can develop internal control.
 - By gradually expanding their freedoms & letting them experience failure while helping them learn how to handle it.

How to Help Our Children

- Be a loving, but firm authority. Teach them . . .
 - To have good manners (“please,” “thank you,” holding a door, carrying groceries). Have children write thank you notes.
 - To keep a gratitude journal.
 - To obey immediately—
with a good attitude.
 - That both good & bad behaviors have consequences.



How to Help Our Children

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If the big rocks don't go in first,



BIG ROCKS
Highest priority projects
and tasks.



LITTLE ROCKS
Urgent or important
priority projects and tasks.



SAND
Unimportant projects
and tasks.

they aren't going to fit in later.

— Stephen R. Covey

- Teach them to prioritize tasks & time. Take care of the big rocks first.
- Through it all, LOVE THEM (1 Peter 4:8).
- Keep lines of communication open.

Paul's Persecutions

1. Antioch

2. Iconium

3. Lystra

(2 Tim. 3:11)



ALL Scripture is

- inspired by God
- profitable for teaching
- profitable for rebuking
- profitable for correcting
- profitable for training in righteousness
- intended to make us capable & equipped for every good work

