

Health check and diagnosis

2 timothy 3:1-9

Health check

“The church in the West once blazed strongly. For centuries, the Bible was at the heart of European culture and the cultures of North America and Australasia. Society at all levels recognised God at work in the world and gave allegiance, even if nominally, to the Lord Jesus Christ. From the stronghold of ‘Christendom’, the Gospel was carried across the globe.”

Patrick Sookhdeo

Health check

“The West is not merely passively non Christian and indifferent to Christianity; it is now actively anti-Christian and profoundly intolerant of the Christian faith.”

Patrick Sookhdeo

Diagnosis

- If the leaders are rotten, the people will be also

“...but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.”

Jesus

Diagnosis

- Society has become a lover of self

“Lovers of self”

“Lovers of money”

“Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.”

Diagnosis

- “Our consumerist culture has conditioned us to believe that no one and nothing should ever get between us and what we want. The result is that personal preferences become sacrosanct.”

Brett McCracken

Conclusion

What dictates our spiritual and moral codes?

- TV, internet, social media?
- Our love for God and his life giving Word?