

2 Timothy Chapter 3 verses 1 thru 9

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Chapter 3 In this chapter the apostle Paul is warning Timothy about the potential of apostasy, which is the abandonment or renunciation of a religious beliefs. Paul provides instructions to Timothy in preparation of the manifestation of the apostasy, and encourages him to prepare himself and his ministry for how it will affect the church. Paul is primary addressing the spiritual condition of those who are teachers within the church.

Verse 1 – Paul was predicting that in the last days which is the time between the birth of Jesus and His second coming there will be perilous or dangerous times ahead for those who stand firm on the gospel. Paul was also reflective of his own situation being locked up in a Roman dungeon.

Verse 2 – During these last days of the church age people will become lovers of themselves, covetous (lover of money), boasters (braggers), proud (pleased with themselves), blasphemers (foul mouth), disobedient (rebellious) to parent, unthankful (unappreciative) unholy (worldly).

Verse 3 – In the last days people will be without natural affection(the lack of love for ones fellow man), trucebreaker (unforgiving), false accusers, incontinent (lack of self-restraint), fierce(violent), despisers (haters) of those that are good.

Verse 4 – In the last days people will be traitors (defectors), heady (reckless), high-minded (strong worldly principles), love having a good time more than they love God.

Verse 5 – Paul states in the last days some that teach in the church will appear or present themselves as being religious and holy but without having any real spiritual power in their lives. Paul commands Timothy to turn away from such people.

Verse 6 – As a follow on to the prior verse Paul states that these type of teachers, find their way into the homes of women who are filled with past sins, who are susceptible to their ways, who are then led away by these false teachers into greater lust.

Verse 7 – These false teachers are always seeking greater formal learning, however they fail to gain knowledge and understanding of the truths.

Verse 8 – Paul uses an example found in the Old Testament of the Egyptian magicians whom Pharaoh called to oppose Moses. Their actual names(Jannes and Jambres) are not recorded in the Old Testament however, they were names that the early Jews associated with the two magicians. These false teachers are compared to these Egyptian magicians who resisted the truth, and were men of corrupt minds, who were reprobate (perverted and rejected) concerning the faith

- Exodus 7:8-13

Verse 9 – These false teachers should not be allowed to continue to teach in the church because their ways will be reflected throughout the church unto all, as was the ways of the Egyptians magicians.