

2 Timothy 3:1-17 **End Time – Perilous times**

Dangers in the End Time – A Vicious Generation of Hypocrites

¹ But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power.

And from such people turn away! ⁶ For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, ⁷ always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁸ Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; ⁹ but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

Example in experience of Paul

¹⁰ But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹ persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra-- what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me.

Warning and Advice for Timothy and the Saints

¹² Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

¹³ But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Value of Scripture

¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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Facts Revealed:

Dangers in the End Time – A Vicious Generation of Hypocrites [2 Timothy 3:1-8]

✚ Characteristics of Last Days Generation: [2 Timothy 2:1-5]

- ✧ Self centered seeking self esteem. Promoted by public education in USA and around the world.
- ✧ Lovers of money – Wealth orientation, promoted by media (news and entertainment) and social pressures as well as public education in USA and around the world.
- ✧ Boasters – Bragging about self. Common in today's society.
- ✧ Proud – Arrogantly filled with self importance. Common in today's society.
- ✧ Blasphemers – Speaking evil about God, godly people, laws, and things associated with godliness. Common today in society in general, as well as public education, higher

education, government politicians, philosophers, news media, entertainment industry, humanists and atheists attempting to mold public opinion.

- ✧ Disobedient to parents. Quite prevalent in homes of the USA.
- ✧ Unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty.
- ✧ Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.
- ✧ Having a form of godliness but denying its power.

✧ All these are common characteristics of today's society and the contemporary generation.

✚ Paul advised Timothy to turn away from such people in the Church. [2 Timothy 3:5]

- ✧ These are people involved in all manner of immorality, sexual, financial, ethical, and are infected in every aspect of life.
- ✧ Though they are always learning, they are never able to come to the knowledge of truth.
- ✧ Examples in history of the people are: Jannes and Jambres who resisted Moses.
- ✧ These today also resist the truth.
- ✧ They are men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith.
- ✧ They will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as also was the folly of Jannes and Jambres.

Example in experience of Paul [2 Timothy 3:10-11]

✚ Timothy has a good example in his knowledge of Paul and his ministry.

- ✧ You have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra--what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me.

Warning and Advice for Timothy and the Saints – Value of Scripture [2 Timothy 3:12-17]

✚ Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

- ✧ Evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

✚ Speaking to Timothy, Paul said, "But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

- ✧ Today there is safety in the Scriptures for the Saints of God.

- ✧ In the Scriptures we learn the plan of God for our salvation, based on faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Messiah of Israel).

✚ **All Scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. [2 Timothy 3:16-17]