

2 Timothy 3

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PAUL DESCRIBES THE PEOPLE IN LAST DAYS

1 Now, you are coming to know this: that in last days difficult, critical times will arise. 2 For, the people shall be –

- *ones who are* lovers of themselves,
- *ones who are* lovers of silver,
- *ones who are* braggarts,
- *ones who are* arrogant *ones*,
- *ones who are* blasphemous,
- *ones who are* disobedient to parents,
- *ones who are* without grace,
- *ones who are* unholy,
- 3 *ones who are* without natural affection,
- *ones who are* implacable,
- *ones who are* slanderous,
- *ones who are* without self-control,
- *ones who are* untamed,
- *ones who do* not love what is good;
- 4 *ones who are* treacherous,
- *ones who rush forward* headlong,
- *ones who* have been lastingly deluded,
- *ones who are* lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
- 5 *ones* having a form of godliness but denying the power of it.

And, from these turn away!

PAUL HIGHLIGHTS

ONE PARTICULARLY DESPICABLE PRACTICE IN LAST DAYS

6 For, from among these are the ones who are pressing into the houses and are taking captive dear women who have been lastingly heaped with moral failures, which *women* are being led by complex desires, 7 always learning and never being able to come to a recognition of truth.

8 Now *in* the manner *that* Jannes and Jambres took a stand against Moses, thus also these are taking a stand against the Truth – people who are lastingly destroying the mind, who are reprobate in regard to the

Faith.

9 However, they shall not advance very far. For, their lack of understanding shall be quite conspicuous to all, as also that of those *two* came to be.

WHAT OF PAUL THAT TIMOTHY HAS FOLLOWED CLOSELY

10 Now, YOU, *for your part*, have lastingly followed me closely –

- with respect to the Teaching,
- with respect to the Method,
- with respect to the Proposition,
- with respect to the Faith,
- with respect to the Long-suffering,
- with respect to the Love,
- with respect to the Endurance,
- 11 with respect to the Persecutions,
- with respect to the Sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra – what sort of persecutions I bore! And, from all of *them* the Lord rescued me!

12 Now, even ALL the ones who are desiring to live piously in connection with an anointed One – *namely*, Jesus – shall be persecuted!

THE 'ADVANCE' OF WICKED PEOPLE AND DECEIVERS

13 Now, wicked people and deceivers shall advance toward *being* more depraved, leading *others* astray, and being led astray *themselves*.

PAUL ENCOURAGES TIMOTHY

TO REMAIN IN THE THINGS THAT HE HAD LEARNED

14 Now, YOU, *for your part*, continue to remain in which *things* you have learned and with which *things*¹ you have been entrusted, having lastingly known from whom² you learned *them* – 15 that even from infancy you have lastingly known the Writings which manifest divine power, the *ones which* are able to make you wise to end in salvation by means of a faith – *namely*, the *Faith* in connection with an anointed One, Jesus.

PAUL DESCRIBES THE USEFULNESS OF ALL SCRIPTURE

16 All Scripture *is* God-breathed and *is* useful –

- for teaching,
- for cross-examination for the purpose of disproving³,
- for correcting,

¹ 20% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of transmission (f35), include the dative, relative pronoun translated as 'which things' here.

² 96% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of transmission (f35), have the singular, indefinite pronoun 'whom'

here instead of a plural indefinite pronoun 'whom'.

³ 96% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of transmission (f35), have 'cross-examination for the purpose of disproving' here instead of 'refuting'.

- for training – *namely*, the *training* in connection with righteousness,
- 17 in order that the person of the God might be completely prepared, having been lastingly equipped with respect to every deed – *that is, every good deed*.