

REMEMBERING THAT DIFFICULT DAYS ARE COMING

2 Timothy 3:1-9

^{3:1} But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. ⁶ For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, ⁷ always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. ⁸ Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. ⁹ But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

Observations:

Difficult days are brought on by people who are _____ in the ways of Christ.

lovers of themselves - self-centered, narcissistic

lovers of money - materialistic, greedy

boastful - empty pretenders

proud - arrogant, conceited

abusive - scornful language that injures others

disobedient to their parents - disregard for authority

ungrateful - unthankful, what you do is never enough

unholy - irreverent, holding nothing as sacred

without love - heartless, cold, calculating

unappeasable, unforgiving - irreconcilable

slanderous - Diabolo, a word usually translated "devil"

without self-control - incontinent

brutal - untamed, the opposite of civilized

not lovers of the good - haters of good

treacherous - disposed toward betrayal

reckless - rash, rip the Band-Aid off

swollen with conceit - haughty

lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God

having a form of godliness but denying its power

What Paul says to Timothy seems harsh: Know who you are dealing with and _____.

_____ is the result of an _____, it is not the answer.

Application:

For those in ministry and for those in ministry leadership, this passage serves as a dire warning.

1. Make _____ your _____.
2. Be _____ and be _____.
3. Know the _____ are _____.

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