

# REMEMBERING THAT DIFFICULT DAYS ARE COMING

## 2 Timothy 3:1-9

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