

February 12, 2014
“Understanding the Times” (part 1)
2 Timothy 3:1-9

1) Conditions “*But know this, difficult times will come in the last days.*” (1)

2) Character

- **Priorities:**
 - a) **Me centered versus God centered “*People will be lovers of self...boastful, proud*” (2) “*reckless, conceited*” (4)**
 - b) **Material focused versus Spiritual centered “*lovers of money*” (4)**
 - c) **Entertainment oriented versus a Christian worldview “*lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God*” (4)**
- **Prohibitions: “*disobedient to parents, unholy, ungrateful* (2), *unloving, irreconcilable*” (3)**
- **Protestations: “*blasphemers*” (2) “*...slanderers, without self-control, brutal, without love for what is good*” (3) “*traitors...having a form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid these people.*” (5)**

3) Clarity “*always learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth*” (7)

2Ti 3:1-9 But know this: Difficult times will come in the last days. (2) For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, (3) unloving, irreconcilable, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, without love for what is good, (4) traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, (5) holding to the form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid these people! (6) For among them are those who worm their way into households and capture idle women burdened down with sins, led along by a variety of passions, (7) always learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. (8) Just as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so these also resist the truth, men who are corrupt in mind, worthless in regard to the faith. (9) But they will not make further progress, for their lack of understanding will be clear to all, as theirs was also.

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