

16 - THE CALL TO ENDURE (2 TIMOTHY 3:1-17)

I. The Difficulties of the Last Days (3:1-9)

A. The call to awareness (3:1)

- Paul tells Timothy that the Last Days would be marked by _____.

Biblical Note: The Last Days

The ‘Last Days’ refers to the time period between the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ and the second coming of the Jesus. It is sometimes presented as a future event where the phrase emphasizes the conditions present at the close of the Last Days. It is also presented as present reality emphasizing the truth that in the present state of human depravity in world is always ripe for a spiritual harvest.

See: Acts 2:17; 2 Timothy 3:1; Hebrews 1:2; James 5:3; 2 Peter 3:3

B. The nature of men (3:2-5a)

- Paul gives the reader a specific list of characteristics that _____.

C. The command (3:5b)

- Timothy is to separate himself from _____ who are marked by these characteristics.

D. False Teachers (3:6-9)

1. Sexual predators (3:6a)

- These false teachers are the type who _____.

2. The nature of these women (3:6b-7)

- These gullible women were marked by _____.
- They were also driven by their lusts awakened possibly by _____.
- These women appear to be eager to learn but are _____.

3. Resisting truth (3:8)

- Like the Egyptian sorcerers in Moses’ day, these teachers _____.

Biblical Note: Jannes and Jambres

Jewish tradition says that Jannes and Jambres were the two chief magicians who withstood Moses and Aaron in Exodus 7. The apostle Paul uses the traditional names of the sorcerers who challenged Moses. His intention was to use the wickedness of Jannes and Jambres, as an illustration of a widespread, active rejection of the truth in the last days.

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- These false teachers have _____.

4. Only for a moment (3:9)

- The impact of these teachers will be nothing because _____.

II. Faithfulness (3:10-13)

A. Paul's life and suffering (3:10-11)

- Timothy had followed the example of _____.

B. The nature of suffering (3:12)

- Believers who desire to live godly lives will _____.

C. Evil Men (3:13)

- Evil men and false believers will _____.

III. The Word of God (3:14-17)

A. Continue in the teaching (3:14)

- Timothy was to continue in _____.

B. The nature of the Scripture (3:15-16)

- The scripture makes the reader wise concerning _____.

- All scripture was given to us by _____.

- The scripture is profitable for _____.

C. The purpose of the scripture (3:17)

- The word of God completes or matures the believer, as it _____.