

2 Timothy 3, Part 1

Perilous times are coming (1-9)

- I. Paul gives inspired assurance that dangerous (grievous) times were surely coming (1). Same word in Matt 8:28 (fierce).
 - A. “This know also” means to keep this in mind. Keep what in mind?
 - 1. “That in the last days perilous times shall come.”
 - 2. Another example of improper chapter division.
 - 3. Remember, denominational churches did not exist when this was written.
 - B. “In the last days” refers to the last time period, e.g., Christian age.
- II. In verses 2-4 we see a list of some of the sinful practices associated with perilous times. Please note how fresh these sins are to our world.
 - A. Inspiration lists 18 sins (or attitudes) connected to perilous times.
 - B. Which of these doesn’t apply to our world? Timothy’s world too.
- III. It takes more than a form of godliness to be acceptable (5-7).
 - A. Anyone involved in these sins might claim to be a Christian, but it requires more than just the form of godliness to be godly (5).
 - B. “From such turn away.”
 - C. Then inspiration gives us some examples of what is being referenced.
 - D. “Led away with divers lusts.”
- IV. Paul mentions two men who had opposed Moses (8, 9).
 - A. “Now Jannas and Jambres withstood Moses (8).
 - B. Paul says that there is a limit on how far a person like this can go (9).