

STUDYING THE BOOK OF 2 TIMOTHY ***IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS***

Lesson 4 - Godlessness in the Last Days - 2 Timothy 3:1-9

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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2Ti 3:1 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. [2] People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, [3] without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, [4] treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-- [5] having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

2Ti 3:6 They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, [7] always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth. [8] Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth--men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. [9] But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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39. What did Paul call to our attention? (3:1)
40. What will people be like in the last days? (3:2)
41. What will people in the last days lack? (3:3)
42. What will people in the last days love instead of God? (3:4)
43. What kind of "godliness" will people have in the last days? (3:5)
44. What should we do with the kind of people Paul described? (3:5)
45. How do godless people exploit others? (3:6)
46. What controls the kind of godless people Paul described? (3:6)
47. What are godless people always doing? (3:7)
48. Why do certain people oppose the truth? (3:8)

49. To what historical figures were these godless people compared? (3:8)
50. Why will godless people not get very far? (3:9)

Lesson 5 - Paul's Charge to Timothy - 2 Timothy 3:10-17

2Ti 3:10 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, [11] persecutions, sufferings--what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. [12] In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, [13] while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. [14] But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, [15] and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. [16] All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, [17] so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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51. What did Timothy know about Paul? (3:10-11)
52. From what did Paul say the Lord rescued him? (3:11)
53. What will happen to everyone who wants to live a godly life? (3:12)
54. What will evil men and impostors do? (3:13)
55. What did Paul encourage Timothy to do? (3:14)
56. How long had Timothy known the holy Scriptures? (3:15)
57. What are the holy Scriptures able to do? (3:15)
58. What is true of all Scripture? (3:16)
59. For what is Scripture useful? (3:16)
60. For what good work does the Scripture equip the person of God? (3:17)

