

**Series "Ministry For Difficult Times"**  
**"Characteristics Of The Last Days"**  
**2 Timothy 3:1-9**  
**Study-7**

**2 Timothy 4:3**

**1 Timothy 4:1-3** – "The Great Apostasy" (falling away), which speaks of Demonic Influence, 2 Tim 3:1-9; This is both "religious" and rebellious! 2 Tim 3:5

**2 Tim 3** – A Charge To Continue In The Gospel: (Abide In It)

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** "Perilous Times Are Marked By An Ungodly Character With A Pretense Of Religion, Targeting The Weak, But Eventually Exposed"

**1. Verses 1-5 – The Moral Depravity:**

**2. Verses 6-7 – Predators Of The Weak:**

**3. Verses 8-9 – Opposing The Truth:**

**1. Verses 1-5 – The Moral Depravity:**

2 Tim 3:1

"difficult" – means "dangerous, hard to deal with, hard to bear, savage"

2 Tim 3:2

The Reason That Difficult Times Are Difficult: "For men will be"

There are 18 Ugly Characteristics of the last days:

Root Issue – Self-Centeredness: "will be lovers of self, lovers of money," – "lovers of their own selves, self-lovers"; Verse 4 – "lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God;"

Matthew 22:37-39

1. Love Of Self – "lovers of self," – (Selfish); "lovers of their own selves, self-lovers"
2. Love Of Money – "lovers of money," – "money, the means for gratification of self" Luke 16:14 1 Timothy 6:10

3. Inflated Self-ward – “boastful,” – “an empty pretender, a boaster, a bragger, vagabond, wanderer”; Self-love produces a boaster! Psalm 34:2
4. Inflated Man-ward – “arrogant,” – “haughty, above all others”, Gen. 3:5 Rom. 1:25; Matthew 11:29
5. Inflated God-ward – “revilers,” – “blasphemers, given to contemptuous and bitter words” Rev 13:5-6
6. Disrupted Families – “disobedient to parents,” – (Destruction of Society) Ephesians 6:1-2
7. Ungrateful – “ungrateful,” – Children are “thankless, unthankful” Romans 1:21; James 1:17
8. Unholy – “unholy,” – “profane” attitude; nothing is sacred, not revering or owing any duty to God.

2 Tim 3:3

9. Unloving – “unloving,” – “without natural affection” is “family love”; Describes what should be apparent in nature but is not seen.
10. Irreconcilable – “irreconcilable,” – (unforgiving) Greek word “Libation”; “a sacrifice to gods followed by a formal truce”; persons unwilling to try to agree.
11. Malicious Gossips – “malicious gossips,” – (Devil’s) In order to defend their position, they become “slanderers”, “false accusers”
12. Without Self-Control – “without self-control,” – “devoid of self government”
13. Brutal – “brutal,” – “untamed, brutality”
14. Haters Of Good – “haters of good,” – “no love for good men, no love for virtue, no love for that which is good or beneficial to others.” Isa. 5:20

2 Tim 3:4

15. Treacherous – “treacherous,” – “Traitors”, describes people who betray others and cannot be trusted. Luke 6:16
16. Reckless – “reckless,” – “Headstrong, high-minded, to raise a smoke, to wrap in a fog”; means “rash, acting without careful thought, those that fall foreword.”

17. Conceited – “conceited,” – “puffed up, High-minded”, “puffed up”

18. Lovers Of Pleasure – “lovers of pleasure” – “Hedonism”; “pleasure is the chief end of man”, rather than lovers of God; “controlled by pleasure”; Willing to make any sacrifice to fulfill the pleasures of their life.

2 Tim 3:5

“holding to a form of godliness,” – “having a facade of religion”

1 Timothy 4:3

“and avoid such men as these.” – “to turn oneself away from, to shun, to keep on avoiding”

## **2. Verses 6-7 – Predators Of The Weak:**

2 Tim 3:6

“enter” – “creeping in”; They use stealth; Religious sneaks.

“captivate” – “blind surrender of the will and conscience” weak described “weak-willed women, immature childish women”

“weighed down with sins,” – “heaped up with sin”

2 Tim 3:7

## **3. Verses 8-9 – Opposing The Truth:**

2 Tim 3:8

“And just as Jannes” – “he who seduces”; “and Jambres” – “he who makes rebellion”; opposed Moses, Exodus 7-9

“opposed Moses,” – “set oneself against, to resist”

“men of depraved mind,” – “tested and found counterfeit”

“rejected as regards the faith.” – “disqualified as usable instruments vessels of God”

2 Tim 3:9

Revelation 2:4

**Application:**

1. The Church Is Involved In Spiritual Warfare And It Will Only Intensify As Time Goes On.
2. We Must Be Doctrinally Discerning, Examining The Teaching To Determine If It Is From God Or Not.
3. We Must Be Holy And Pure Vessels In Order For God To Use Us.