

APOSTASY



The Coming of Apostasy

2 Timothy 3:1-9

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3 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was.

KEYS TO WISE LIVING

One with spiritual wisdom possesses spiritual perception and a wise value system. He realizes that any theological quarreling is unproductive and refuses to be drawn into it. Rather, he learns gently to persuade others to godliness, not being easily deceived by feigned godly behavior. He also recognizes the human tendency to avoid the demands of truth and to listen, rather, to what they want to hear.

KINGDOM DYNAMICS

3:1-9 Paul exhorts Timothy to continue in the gospel in the face of a great increase of evil. **In the last days**, the time from the first appearing of Christ until His Second Coming, people will be characterized by all kinds of self-centered and unnatural perversions. Some will maintain an outward pretense, speaking the vocabulary of Christianity, but refusing the reality that Christian faith expresses (v.5). The **power** they deny is the heart of Christianity – the fact of a risen Redeemer, the truth of the inspired Word and the indwelling and overflowing of the Holy Spirit, working within believers and transforming their lives.

- The false teachers are compared to **Jannes and Jambres**, Egyptian magicians who opposed Moses because of their base and perverted minds (see Ex. 7).

3:5 Do not be deceived by Jargon or religiosity. **Look for** true spiritual power and godliness in others.



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