

## 2 TIMOTHY 3 <sup>2023</sup> IN THE LAST DAYS

**2 Timothy 3:1** But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: *(Hard times)*

### SELF LOVE

2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, *(Tellers of wild stories, sellers of snake oil)* proud, *(In appearance)* blasphemers, disobedient to parents, *(Remember when kids were in fear of upsetting their parents?)* unthankful, unholy, *(This is now a song title. It means wicked)*

3 unloving, *(Hard-hearted towards Kindred)* unforgiving, slanderers, *(Satanic agent)* without self-control, *(I just say what I think... STOP IT)* brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness *(A show of religion)* but denying its power. And from such people turn away! *(IE, avoid them.)*

- “Self-love” has become an accepted theme these days, even in some Christian groups and music. It is a dangerous theme.
  - I have seen several commercials these past couple of weeks for ways to give YOURSELF a Valentines gift – To show Yourself how much you love yourself... **REALLY!?!?**
- Why don't we sing about dying to ourselves? Sacrificing for others? Bearing crosses and trials like Jesus did? I guess those songs won't sell or get airtime.
  - Beware of self-love Beloved. Beware of preachers who tell us that we are all fine. They smile, tell you to smile, share a smile, smile at one another... Amen. THAT is not the Gospel of Paul, or of Jesus.

### CREEPERS

6 For of this sort are those who creep into households *(Nowadays on TV)* and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. **NLT - (Such women are forever following new teachings, but they are never able to understand the truth.)**

- **COURSON** - Those who propagate a form of godliness not based upon the Resurrection creep around neighborhoods looking for people who have

time on their hands to whom they can say, "Let us hold a class in your house so we can share our interesting insights and esoteric experiences."

- Was Paul picking on the women? NO! In Paul's day the women stayed and worked from home and the men left the house all day. These scammers, knowing this would "Visit" the homes during the day to try and trick the women into following & supporting them.

## RESIST GOD'S WORD AT YOUR OWN PERIL

8 Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, *(with supernatural power)* so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; 9 but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was. **CEV - But they won't get very far with their foolishness. Soon everyone will know the truth about them, just as Jannes and Jambres were found out.**

- Jannes and Jambres, besides having really cool names, were two of the Pharaoh's magicians.
  - They performed miracles just like Moses' for a while, but then they were so miserable from the plagues – they gave up!
    - SO... Every now and then a preacher comes along telling prophecies and healing people who get in line, but NOT preaching the whole counsel of God. BEWARE of them.
  - Even IF they have changed their name to a much cooler one... THAT should tell you a lot!

## ALL SCRIPTURE IS BREATHED OUT BY GOD

10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra **ACTS 14** —what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me.

- Paul appreciated VERY much Timothy had witnessed suffering for the Lord up close and personally, and yet... He and Paul endured! The Lord delivered them from all of their trials.
- I can say with a full heart that I too appreciate the trials and sufferings that you, that WE have endured throughout the years. A couple of you, for forty years! Lynette and I have known each other for 54 years, married almost 47. Thank you for enduring through the years CCSV. Many more to come!

## OUR LEAST FAVORITE PROMISE (Chuck Smith)

12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

- One of the false accusations about us is that we are hateful and dangerous to lifestyles we biblically oppose. The accusation is anecdotal, but inaccurate.
  - Are there cases of hateful Christians? Yes. We oppose them!
  - Our call is to first repent of our own sin. That should keep most of us busy enough to not have time to be hateful. BUT...
  - We oppose ALL sin, especially our own! SO...
- We need to be careful to be as loving as Jesus Christ was to sinners... And, HE WAS! AND, we must continue to preach and teach the truth.
  - When the truth separates us from fellowshiping... And I mean the truth spoken in love, not condemnation – So be it.
- You know, I have never been turned away from a car wash because my car was too dirty. God help us, CCSV, if we ever make it too hard for sinners to come here because we think they are too dirty too. Amen?

## OUR SECOND LEAST FAVORITE PROMISE

13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

- Trick Question – Can a deceived person be sincere in their theology? Yes.
- That makes them spiritually dangerous. They are sincerely wrong, but sincere all the same. Know your bible CCSV. It is the best defense!

## CONTINUE ON THE ROUTE! *My gps*

14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, 15 and that **from childhood** you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **What an advantage Timothy had! Bring your kids to Church! You won't regret it.**

**There is a 0.029% chance of your child becoming a professional athlete.  
But they have a 100 % chance of standing before God someday.**

## TAKE THEM TO CHURCH!

### TRUST THE BIBLE

16 All Scripture (**100%**) is given by inspiration of God,

- All is ALL! If you want to remove, water down, downplay, or ignore any part of the scripture... You have repeated the Serpent's line from the Garden of Eden... **"Did God really say that?"**
- If the Bible seems "out-of-date" to you... BE CAREFUL! The Author of the Bible still lives... AND... He is watching.
- He wrote the Bible... AND He created gravity... Deny either of them at your own peril.
- We WILL NOT back down from this stance EVER! Why not? Listen...

And (**All scripture**) is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**We believe**... God said it, I believe it, THAT settles it!

**We believe** in the literal interpretation of scriptures, except when an obvious metaphor is being used, as when Jesus called Herod "that old fox."

**WE BELIEVE** that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, fully inspired without error in the original manuscripts, and the infallible rule of faith and practice. (*Website*)

**We believe** that you can accept Jesus Christ as your Savior right now by praying a prayer and asking Him to forgive you of your sins and confess Him as the Lord of your life. Let us pray.