

Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

1. Living by and/or spreading Satan's lies, his Badnews, the last days will be perilous because men will be unrestrained, utterly selfish, and utterly godless. They will have a veneer of godliness but they will deny its power. They will use God to capture gullible women who are burdened by their lustful sins and guilt, who keep chasing the latest spiritual fad but are never able to come to the knowledge of God's Truth, 3:2-7. As Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so do the men of the last days oppose God's Truth. They're men of corrupt minds, disqualified concerning the Christian faith. They'll go no further because their foolishness will be evident to all, just as Jannes' and Jambres' was, 3:8-9. The evil men and swindlers of the last days will grow worse and worse; they will deceive and be themselves deceived, 3:13 (other places this appears: 1:6-14, 15; 2:13, 14, 16, 17-18, 23-26).
2. God, the men of the last days will be lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 3:4. All Scripture is God-breathed, 3:16. The purpose for the benefits of Scripture—teaching, disapproving [our ungodly thoughts and behavior], improving [what we think and do], training in proper righteous living—is so that the man [and woman] of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work, 3:16-17 (other places this appears: 1:1, 2, 3-5, 6, 7, 7-8, 9; 2:8-9, 15, 14-19, 24-26).
3. God's Power and Love...is ours, God's power and love was present with Paul and Timothy, i.e., Timothy carefully followed Paul's teaching, way of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions and afflictions which Paul endured at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra, out of which all the Lord delivered Paul, 3:10-11 (other places this appears: 1:7, 6-8, 13, 7 and 14).
4. Word/Truth, men of the last days are of the wicked sort who creep into households and capture gullible women who are loaded down with lustful sins and guilt and are always chasing the latest spiritual fad but never able to come to the knowledge of God's Truth, 3:6-7. As Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so do men of the last days oppose God's Truth, 3:8. From childhood Timothy has known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make him wise unto salvation, the salvation acquired by faith in Christ Jesus, 3:15. All Scripture is God-breathed and is beneficial for teaching, disapproving [wrong thoughts or behavior], improving [what we think or do], and training in proper righteous living so that the man [and woman] of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for ever good work, 3:16-17 (other places this appears: 1:8, 10-12, 13; 2:8-9, 15, 17-18, 25).
5. Faith/Trust/Believe, Timothy has carefully followed Paul's faith, i.e., his way of trusting in God, 3:10. From childhood Timothy has known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make him wise unto salvation, the salvation one gets by simply believing in Christ Jesus, 3:15 (other places this appears: 1:5, 13; 2:18, 22).
6. Love, Timothy has carefully followed Paul's way of loving people, 3:10 (other places this appears: 1:7, 13; 2:22).

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7. Jesus, Jesus delivered Paul out of all the persecutions and afflictions he endured at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra, 3:11. All who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution, 3:12. From childhood Timothy has known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to give him the wisdom that leads to salvation, the salvation that is acquired by simple faith in Christ Jesus, 3:15. (other places this appears: 1:1, 2, 8, 9, 9-10, 10-12, 13; 2:1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 14, 19, 22, 24-25).
8. Suffer/Endure, Timothy carefully followed Paul's longsuffering and perseverance, his persecutions and afflictions which he endured at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra, out of which all the Lord delivered him, 3:10-11. Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution, 3:12 (other places this appears: 1:7-8, 10-12; 2:1, 3-4, 5, 6, 8-9, 10, 12, 15-16).
9. Jesus owns life and controls death, though Paul endured persecutions and afflictions at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra [including death, Acts 14:19-20], the Lord delivered him out of all of them, 3:11 (other places this appears: 1:1, 9-10; 2:8, 11, 24-26).
10. Living by and spreading what Jesus said, His Goodnews, Timothy must continue living by and proclaiming the things he has learned and been assured of for he knows from whom he learned them. From childhood he has known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make him wise unto salvation, the salvation obtained by simple faith in Christ Jesus, 3:14-15. All Scripture is God-breathed and is valuable for teaching, disapproving [the ungodly things we think and do], improving [what we think and do], and training in righteous living so that the man [and woman] of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work, 3:16-17 (other places this appears: 1:1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 10-11, 12, 15-18; **2:2, 8-9, 19, 24-26**).