

2 Timothy Chapter 3, Do you love to study God's Word instead of live it?

2 Timothy 3 Summarized

Sentences

3:1-5, but know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

3:6-7, for of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

3:8-9, now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

3:10-11, but you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra -- what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me.

3:12, yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

3:13, but evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

3:14-15, but you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, 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.

3:16-17, all Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Paragraphs

3:1-9, [\[Though Timothy may be able to free some who have strayed from God's Truth and become Satan's captives, as they twist and abuse God's Word\]](#) he must avoid men of the last days for they will be narcissistic, arrogant, unrestrained, hedonistic, and God-haters who use godliness but deny its actual power. These types take advantage of gullible women who are weighed down with sins and sinful guilt, who always study the Bible but never actually come to terms with its transforming Truth. As Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so do these oppose God's Truth. Their minds are corrupt; they're disqualified concerning the faith. But they won't go far for their folly will be evident to all just as Jannes' and Jambres' folly was.

3:10-17, on the other hand, Timothy has carefully followed Paul's teaching, way of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, and the afflictions he endured at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. But the Lord delivered Paul out of them all. Yes, persecution awaits all who choose to live like Jesus, while evil men and swindlers will get worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But Timothy must continue living and modeling the things he learned, knowing from whom he learned it. From childhood he's known the Holy Scriptures, the ones that made

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him wise unto salvation, the salvation found in Christ Jesus through simple faith. Thus, all Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, correcting, improving, and training in proper godly living so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Whole Chapter

[Though Timothy may be able to free some who have strayed from God's Truth and become Satan's captives, as they twist and abuse God's Word] he must avoid men of the last days for they will be narcissistic, unrestrained, hedonistic, God-haters who use godliness but deny its power. These men take advantage of gullible women who are weighed down with sins and sinful guilt, women who always study the Bible but never actually meditate on its transforming Truth. They're men of corrupt minds who oppose God's Truth as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses. But they won't get far for their folly will be exposed. But Timothy has carefully followed Paul's teaching and Christlike way of life, including the afflictions he endured, but from which all the Lord delivered him. Yes, persecution awaits all who choose to be Christlike. So Timothy must continue living and modeling the Christlikeness he was taught, knowing that the Holy Scriptures gave him the wisdom that leads to salvation, the one found in Christ Jesus through simple faith. The fact is that all of Scripture is God's breath designed to teach, correct, improve, and train us in proper godly living so that we may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.