

BIBLE STUDY: Characteristics of Evil Men

2 Timothy 3:1-17

Separate from the ungodly

- The UNGODLY, r^ashaa`iym (heb 7563), from raasha` (heb 7561), to be unjust; rendering to none his due; withholding from God, society, and himself, what belongs to each. Ungodly-- he who has not God in him; who is without God in the world.

- 3:1 But know this, that in the last days, grievous times will come.

- 3:2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, [Lovers of their own selves] Philautoi (grk 5367). Selfish, studious of their own interest, and regardless of the welfare of all mankind.

3:3 without natural affection, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, no lovers of good,

3:4 traitors, headstrong, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God;

3:5 holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof.

Turn away from these, also.

- 3:6 For of these are those who creep into houses, and take captive gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,
- 3:7 always learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- 3:8 Even as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so do these also oppose the truth; men corrupted in mind, reprobate concerning the faith.
- 3:9 But they will proceed no further.
- For their folly will be evident to all men, as theirs also came to be.

Identify with the godly

- 3:10 But you did follow
my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, steadfastness,
- 3:11 persecutions, and sufferings: those things that happened to me at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. I endured those persecutions. 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 But you remain in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them.

- 3:15 From infancy, you have known the sacred writings which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus.
- 3:16 Every writing inspired by God {literally, God-breathed} is profitable
 - for teaching,
 - for reproof,
 - for correction, and
 - for instruction which is in righteousness,
- 3:17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.