

2 Timothy 1-2 Review

Exhortations to Timothy:

1:6 Rekindle the gift within you
1:13 Retain pattern of sound words.

2:1 Be strong in the grace of Christ.

2:3 Suffer hardships with me as a good soldier.

2:15 Be diligent to show yourself approved.

2:21 Cleanse yourself to be a vessel of honor.

2:22a Flee youthful lusts,

2:22b Pursue righteous, faith, love, peace.

2:24 Must not be quarrelsome, but kind, patient.



2 Tim 3 *Difficult Times Will Come*

2 Tim 3:1 In *the last days* **Difficult** times will come

Isa 2:2 In *last days* the **Church** is established

Ezek 38:16 In *last days* **Gog** attacks God's land

Hos 3:5 In *last days* **David** will be their king

Acts 2:16f In *last days* **Holy Spirit** descends

Heb 1:2 In *last days* **God** spoke thru His son

Jas 5:3 In *last days* **Rich** stored up treasure

2 Pet 3:3 In *last days* **Mockers** will come

1 John 2:18 It *is the last hour...* **Antichrists** arise

The entire Messianic Age = Last Days. Lipscomb

NT Commentary; Barnes; Bible Exposition Commentary;

Bible Knowledge Commentary; Coffman; Wesley.

2 Tim 3 *Difficult Times Will Come*


2 Tim 3:1 Realize this, that in the last days
Difficult times will come. NAS

Louw: < *Chalepoi* > inclined to violent and dangerous activity.

Thayer: Dangerous, harsh, fierce, savage.

Prepare Yourself Soldier

We Live in a Dark World



2 Tim 3:2 People will be selfish & love money. They will brag, be arrogant, & use abusive language. They will curse their parents, show no gratitude, have no respect for what is holy.

v3 and lack normal affection for their families. They'll refuse to make peace with anyone. They will be slanderous, lack self-control, be brutal & no love for what is good.

v4 They will be traitors. They will be reckless & conceited. They will love pleasure rather than God. GWT

v5 Stay Away From Such People!

2 Tim 3 Difficult Times Will Come

① 2 Tim 3:2^a For men will be lovers of self

Men < *Anthropoi* > Humans, male & female.

Lovers < *Phil-autos* > Fond of self, selfish. *Strongs*
Too intent on one's own interest. *Thayer*



Time, Money, Effort,
Possessions, Position
(Phil 2:4; Acts 4:32)



2 Tim 3 Difficult Times Will Come

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2 Tim 3:2^b Lovers of money

< *Phil-ar gur os* > fond of silver.

“Loving wealth, a lover of riches, greedy.”
Louw & Nida



Never satisfied with enough.

Not helping those you could.

Being envious of those who have more.

Working just to have more than you need.

Seeking self-interest even when it hurts others.

2 Tim 3 Difficult Times Will Come

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2 Tim 3:2^c Will be... boastful



“An empty pretender, a boaster”

Thayer

A false claim, especially one detrimental to the interests of another. Free Dictionary

Exaggerating, overstating one’s success, abilities, faithfulness, education, connections, experience.

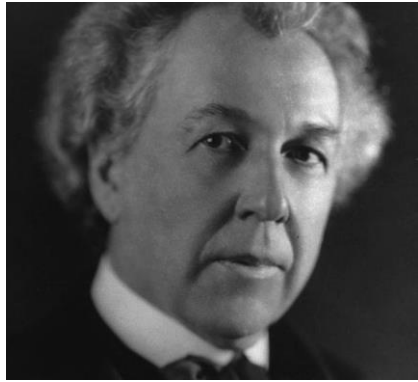
2 Cor 11:20 “You bear with anyone if he enslaves you, if he devours you, if he takes advantage of you, *if he exalts himself.*”

Disastrous for an individual or church to put confidence in another’s false claims & not check 7

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2 Tim 3:2^d Will be... arrogant



Arrogant: < *Super Inflated* >

“Over estimate of one's means or merits, *despising others or even treating them with contempt.*” Thayer

“Early in my career...I had to choose between an *honest arrogance* and a *hypercritical humility*... I deliberately choose an honest arrogance, and I've never been sorry.”

— *Frank Lloyd Wright, American Architect*

He was NOT paternal, although he fathered six children by wife Kitty. He had a taste for fine clothes and fine vehicles —which kept him in poor finances. His personal life was a scandal. His live-in mistress & her 2 children was murdered with an axe by a servant who set Wright's house on fire. 8

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2 Tim 3:2^e Will be... revilers

<Blasphemoi> *Insulting* & slanderous *Louw*

“Use Abuse language” *GWT*



Celsus: (2nd century Greek philosopher & opponent of Christianity) Compares Christians to:

“*Frogs* making chorus in their marshes, to *worms* holding conclave in a poisonous swamp... ‘It is to us alone’, they say ‘that God reveals His purposes. His care is solely for us.’ These *worms* of the earth go so far in their audacity as to say ‘We are the beings most closely related to God. He has made us entirely in His image’. Such pretensions would be more tolerable on the part of *worms* or *frogs* than on the part of *Jews* or *Christians*.”

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2 Tim 3:2^f Disobedient to parents

< **A pe ithes** > “**Un-compliant**” Thayer
“**Continuously disobedient**” Louw

Socrates,

Greek Athenian Philosopher (469-399 BC); “Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, **contempt for authority; they show disrespect for their elders and love chatter in place of exercise; they no longer rise when elders enter the room; **they contradict their parents, gobble up their food & tyrannize their teachers.**”**



Disobedience to parents is a sin listed (Rom 1:30)

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2 Tim 3:2^g Will be... Ungrateful

< **Acharistoi** > “A complete lack of thankfulness” Louw

“Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough” — Oprah Winfrey



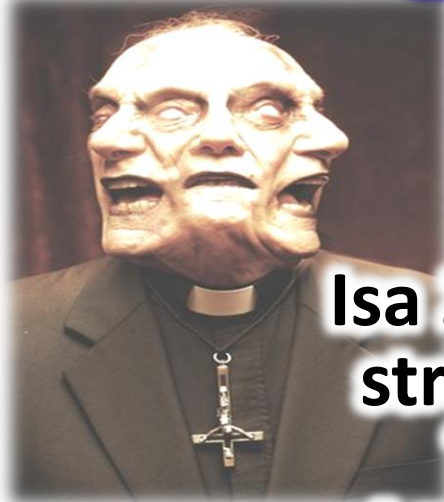
1 Thess 5:18 “In everything give thanks;
for this is God's will for you.”

How are you blessed? Salvation. God's providence. Family. Friends. Teachers. Health. Gifts. Finances. Sight. Touch. Peace. Small Children. All Creation.

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2 Tim 3:2^h Will be... Unholy



< A nosios > “Profane” Vines.
“Transgress ancient laws”, Kittle.

Isa 28:7 “The priest and the prophet reel with strong drink. They **reel while having visions**, They **totter when rendering judgment**.”

⁸ For all the tables are full of filthy vomit...”

Ezek 22:26 “Her **priests** have done violence to My law and have **profaned** My holy things...”

In 1976 Episcopal Church announced acceptance of homosexuality. First openly homosexual priest, Ellen Barrett was ordained in 1977. First openly homosexual bishop Gene Robinson, elected in June 2003

2 Tim 3 Difficult Times Will Come

9 2 Tim 3:3^a Will be... Unloving

< **a storgos** > “A lack of love or affection for close associates or family, without normal human affection, without love for others.” *Vines*



In Rome, if a father rejected a newborn it was literally thrown out. “There was never a night when there were not 30 or 40 abandoned children left in the Roman forum.” [City center plaza]

*Philosopher Seneca, explains: “We kill a mad dog; we plunge the knife into sickly cattle lest they taint the herd; **children who are born weakly & deformed we drown.**” US kills a million of our children each year.*

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2 Tim 3:3^b Will be... Irreconcilable

< **As pondoi** > **“Unwilling to be at peace with others.”** Louw



Rom 12:18 “If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.”

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2 Tim 3:3^c Will be...
Malicious gossips



SLANDER

< **Diabolo** > “Those who are given to finding fault with the demeanor & conduct of others and spreading their innuendos and criticisms in the church.” Vines

People gossip because of their own low **self-esteem**.

You can **confront** it directly: This sounds like gossip & makes me uncomfortable. Let's talk of something else.

Can **avoid** conversations with a gossip (Prov 20:19).

Turn it: Ask what could they do to help ? (1 Cor 10:31).

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Smeagol:

Good side

losing ground

2 Tim 3:3^d Without... Self-control



< **A kara toi** > **“Powerless.”** Strong's

Barnes: “Without strength to resist passion, or who readily yield to it.”

Amplified Bible: “Intemperate and loose in morals and conduct.”

Gollum: evil side.

Almost totally corrupt.

Phil 4:13 **“I can do all things** through Christ who strengthens me.”

They must make up their mind. (Dan 1:8; Josh 24:14-15)

You can help them, but **not** carry them. (Jude 1:22-23)

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2 Tim 3:3^e Will be... Brutal

<A-nem eroi> ***"Fierce, savage."***

Thayer

Epictetus describes those who forget God as their creator, as resembling lions, "***wild, savage and fierce***" (*anemero i*) *Vines*



Acts 20:29 "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

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2 Tim 3:3^f Haters of Good



A-philagathos *“Hostile to virtue.”* Strongs

“Being an enemy to what is good.” Louw

“Opposed to good things and good men.” Thayer

Bible, Prayer, Religion, Purity, Normalcy, Goodness

Isa 5:20 “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness, ²² Woe to those who are heroes in drinking wine, And valiant men in mixing strong drink; ²³ Who justify the wicked for a bribe.”

Terrorism, Drug addiction, Child abuse, Pornography, Alcoholism, Sexual abuse / addiction, Murder, Homosexuality.

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2 Tim 3:4^a Will be... Treacherous

< **Prodotai** > “One who delivers without justification a person into the control of someone else.” *Louw*

Matt 26:24 “Woe to him by whom the Son of man is betrayed.”



The saddest thing about betrayal is that it is never by your enemies.”

Betrayal is universal for people of no Principle.

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2 Tim 3:4^b Reckless

Greek: Pro pe teis

“Impetuous, without thinking.” *Louw*
“Rash” *Thayer*

Prov 4:23 Watch you
♥ with all diligence.



Barnes: “Men who would be ready to do anything without deliberation, or concern for the consequences.”