

Questions on 2 Timothy chapter 3

1. To what period of time does the phrase “the last days” refer? Verse 1.
2. What basic sin from which all others flow does Paul mention first? What does the person guilty of the second named sin love? Verse 2.
3. Give another name for the terms boasters, proud, and blasphemers. What do we think of when we read the terms “disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy”? Verse 2.
4. Can you think of an example of a person “without natural affection”? What is meant by “truce-breakers” (American Standard Version, “implacable”)? What is another word for “false accusers”? Verse 3.
5. What does “incontinent” mean? What comes to mind when you read the term “fierce” (American Standard Version, “savage”)? Are there some who actually despise “good” people? Verse 3.

6. What word describes those who betray friends and others? What word does Paul use to describe a headstrong person? What word describes someone who has an exalted opinion of himself? What do some love more than God? Verse 4.

7. Do some of those guilty of some of these sins profess any religion? What does Paul advise Timothy about such persons? Verse 5.

8. What reason does Paul give for turning away from these men? Verse 6.

9. How would the company of women who supported and maintained the infamous Charles Manson compare with this picture? Verse 6.

10. Why are these women (and many men) not able to come to a knowledge of the truth if they are “ever learning”? Verse 7.

11. Who were Jannes and Jambres and how did they withstand Moses? Verse 8.

12. In what way do the men described here compare with Jannes and Jambres? Verse 8.

13. When was the folly of Jannes and Jambres made known? Verse 9.

14. When will the folly of the men described become evident? (Consider the case of Simon the Sorcerer) Verse 9.

15. What were some things Timothy knew about Paul? Verse 10.

16. Where can we learn about Paul's persecutions and afflictions that he endured at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra? Verse 11.

17. Does Paul recite these things to contrast his life with the wicked lives of the men he described or to encourage Timothy knowing he would suffer some of the same things, or for both reasons? Verse 11.

18. How could Paul say “the Lord delivered me”? After all, he was actually beaten, imprisoned, stoned, etc. Verse 11.

19. Out of Paul’s personal experience, what principle is he able to state? Verse 12.

20. Some wicked men say that they want to get better before they commit themselves to living the Christian life. According to Paul, will that happen? Verse 13.

21. What reason does Paul give Timothy for continuing “in the things which thou has learned and has been assured of”? Verse 14.

22. How long had Timothy known the Scriptures? What is their value? Verse 15.

23. What five specific things did Paul say of the Scriptures? Verse 16.

24. Can the Scriptures make the man of God “perfect” or “complete”? If the man of God is thoroughly or completely furnished, does he need any other thing? Verse 17.