
Seven Principles for Perilous Times

2 Timothy 3:1-17

1. **Know What's Coming (1-5a)**

¹ But **know** (~!) this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ^{5a} having a form of godliness but denying its power.

2. **Avoid False Teachers (5b-7)**

^{5a} And from such people **turn away!** (~!) ⁶ 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, ⁷ always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

3. **Expect Direct Resistance (8-9)**

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

4. **Follow Faithful Examples (10-12)**

¹⁰ But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹ 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. ¹² Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

5. **Expect Increasing Deception (13)**

¹³ But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

6. **Continue in Confirmed Truth (14-15)**

¹⁴ But you must **continue** (~!) in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned [them], ¹⁵ 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.

7. **Embrace the Word's Sufficiency (16-17)**

¹⁶ All Scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.