

**The Second Letter
Of
St. Paul
To Timothy**

Introduction

- The theme of chapter 3 is:
Resisting and Refuting Heresies
- Evil in the Last Days (1-5)
- False Teachers (6-9)
- The Faithful Disciple (10-14)
- Abiding in the Word of God (15-17)

Evil in the Last Days (1-5)

- **Last days:** the days of the New Testament
- **Lovers of themselves:** This is the main sin that leads to all the other sins in this list.
- **Lovers of money:** (root of all evil)
- **Boasters:** boasting of having what they have not
- **Proud:** showing themselves above their fellows
- **Blasphemers:** evil-speakers
- **Disobedient to parents:** The character of the times is even to be gathered especially from the manners of the young

Evil in the Last Days (1-5)

- **Unthankful**: Showing no gratitude
- **Unholy**: irreligious, inobservant of the offices of piety
- **Slanderers**: false accusers
- **Brutal**: inhuman to others
- **Headstrong**: impulsive in action
- **Haughty**: “puffed up” with pride
- **Lovers of pleasure**: love of pleasure destroys the love of God

Evil in the Last Days (1-5)

- **Form**: outward semblance
- **Godliness**: piety
- **Denying**: renounced
- **Its power**—the living, regenerating, sanctifying influence of it
- **Turn away**—implying that some of such characters were already in the Church

False Teachers (6-9)

- What makes a person easily deceived?
 - Listening and receiving false teachers
 - Lack of discernment
 - Conscience loaded with sin. A bad conscience leads easily to shipwreck of faith (1 Ti 1:19)
 - Lustful heart
 - Ignorance of the Truth (corrupted mind)

False Teachers (6-9)

- **Always learning:** new doctrines or for mere curiosity to the belittling of the Truth
- The perfect knowledge is the only safeguard against heresies
- **Jannes and Jambres:** traditional names of the Egyptian magicians who resisted Moses (Ex 7:11, 22) (Evidence of Oral Tradition)
- These magicians could not resist Moses in sending boils, but the boils fell upon themselves so as to the lice (Ex 8:18; 9:11)

False Teachers (6-9)

- They are active, e.g. visitation
- They have wicked intentions
- They resist the truth
- They have corrupt minds
- They are disapproved concerning the faith
- They will progress no further
- Their folly will be manifest to all

The Faithful Disciple (10-14)

- The Disciple carefully follows his teacher in:
 - Doctrine
 - Behavior and manner of life
 - Purpose
 - Faith and love
 - Longsuffering and perseverance
 - Persecution and afflictions

The Faithful Disciple (10-14)

- Antioch (Acts 13:14, 50, 51)
- Iconium (Acts 14:1-5)
- Lystra (Acts 14:6, 19)
- Two important facts regarding suffering:
 - It is inevitable for those who desire to live godly life
 - The Lord will deliver them out of them all

The Faithful Disciple (10-14)

- The impostors are the seducers like the magicians
- Deceiving, and being deceived: He who deceives others, will be unable to protect himself from deception but rather more easily will hold the errors of others

The Faithful Disciple (10-14)

- The faithful disciple must continue in what he has learned and been assured of (from scripture)
- **Of whom you have learned:** Not only St. Paul, but from his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice
- You saw their piety, success, and how the Lord was with them always

Abiding in the Word of God (15-17)

- We should teach the Holy Scriptures from childhood
- The Word of God makes the person wise for salvation through faith in Christ
- The Holy Scriptures are inspired by the Holy Spirit

Abiding in the Word of God (15-17)

- Inspiration is the supernatural action of the Holy Spirit on the mind of the sacred writers whereby the Scriptures were not merely their own but the Word of God.
- **Doctrine**: the knowledge of the Truth
- **Reproof**: convicting the heretics of their errors

Abiding in the Word of God (15-17)

- **Correction:** Setting one right
- **Instruction:** disciplining or training
- The purpose of the Holy Scriptures are to make us complete and equipped for every good work.
- Sound doctrine and godly life are two essential elements to produce good fruits.

Conclusion

- What are three things will men love?
- What does make a person an easily prey to Satan?
- What are the characteristics of the false teachers?
- In what areas should the faithful disciple follow his teacher?
- Why it is important to abide in the word of God since childhood?