



Deceptive Appearances - 2 Timothy 3:1-9

For the people of the Inversion Fellowship

March 27th 2008

Ray McKelvy

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9 ESV

1 But understand this that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. 2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, 4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. 6 For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, 7 always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. 8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. 9 But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

REMINDERS FOR THE JOURNEY

Don't Be Despised, Be an Example

Because of Timothy's age and experience the tendency would be for him to allow those older than he to look down on him and discount what he had to say and to offer. Instead, Paul encouraged him to be an example of the believer's in speech, conduct, love, faith and in purity.

Don't Be Fearful, Be Passionate

It seems obvious that one of Timothy's natural tendencies was to be timid. This ties in of course to even letting others look down on him because he was young. Instead of the fear or cowardice Paul reminded Timothy of the resources he has in Christ, namely power, love and self-control. He was also reminded of the gifting that he has in Christ and in this he was to live passionately

Don't Be Ashamed, Be Strong

Paul wanted Timothy to know that there is a cost to living out the gospel. Be ready to suffer, lose reputation and even die for the sake of the gospel. Suffer with dignity and live with strength.

Don't Be Fooled, Be Discerning

There were many who were professing the name of Christ but not really possessing the life of Christ. In this passage we will see that one of the great dangers to the church are those who attend the church. As a soldier of Jesus Christ engaged in spiritual warfare Paul calls upon Timothy to be discerning about those he associated with.

MY NOTES - 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9

Introduction - v. 1

- *Know*
- *Last Days*
- *Times*

Men who oppose the truth... - v.v. 8-9

- Deceive the gullible - *creep and capture*
- Are corrupted - *A rejection of the truth leads to a corrupted life cf. Romans 1:19-25*
- Are exposed

Women who believe the lie are weak in... - v.v. 6-7

- Truth
- Morals
- Convictions

People who worship themselves are... - v.v. 2-5

- Lovers of self
- Lovers of money
- Proud
- Arrogant
- Abusive
- Disobedient to their parents
- Ungrateful
- Unholy
- Heartless
- Unappeasable
- Slanderous
- Without self-control
- Brutal
- Not loving good
- Treacherous
- Reckless
- Swollen with conceit
- Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God
- Those who have the appearance of godliness but denies it's power

Avoid them??

Conclusion...

