

## 2 Timothy

### Keeping the Faith

### *The Last Days, Part 1; The World*

**INTRO:** *Apostates (defectors from the faith) are expected (2:14-26), but they are the result of an unbiblical character trait that describes our World in the last days.*

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ ministers in the \_\_\_\_\_ (3:1).**

*These “days” (a period of time) began with Jesus’ first advent and are described as difficult. They will also increase in intensity as His prophesied return approaches (Cf. 3:13).*

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ are characterized by \_\_\_\_\_ -**

**\_\_\_\_\_ (3:2-5a).** *When people reject God, it is natural for their love to turn **inward**. This narcissism releases other devilish behaviors, but never more than exhibited in false teachers.*

**III. \_\_\_\_\_ those whose lives are characterized by**

**unrepentant \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (3:5b-9).** *Avoiding means not having anything with which to do. “Avoid like the plague.”*

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ (3:6-7).**

*They work their “magic” on those whose **guilt** (through unconfessed sin) prevents wise decisions from being made.*

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ (3:8-9).**

*All false teachers are eventually exposed as frauds. Jannes and Jambres, whose history is known only by Jewish tradition, were examples cited by Paul.*