

## Perilous Times

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### Introduction

1. 2 Timothy 3:1-5
2. Last week we saw how we could be strong
3. In this weeks lesson the “perilous times” is a time of reducing the strength. This is a warning to turn away from these kinds of peoples.
4. This is a time of general corruption of manners and tempers
5. This will all take place in the last days
6. The last days could be:
  - a. Messiah Isaiah 2:2; Micah 4:2 use the phrase in connection with the Messiah
  - b. Destruction of Jerusalem, it was the last days for her. She was destroyed A.D. 70
  - c. It was also in the last days for the Jewish religion
  - d. Every “last days” reference events have taken place
7. There are 18 may be more people we are warned to turn from. Let us notice these in groups

### II Discussion

1. Those who would misdirect our love
  - a. Lovers of their own selves. This kind of love of self pushes out love for everything else!
  - b. Despisers of those that are good. Verse 3 (No lovers of Good ASV)
  - c. Covetous or lovers of money Colossians 3:5; Matthew 6:19-21
  - d. Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God
  - e. God is love 1 John 4:8
  - f. We are to love God with all our heart, soul and mind Matthew 22:37
  - g. Our speaking is to be in love Ephesians 5:15
2. Pride Proverbs 16:18
  - a. Boasters - speech
  - b. Proud - actions
  - c. Blasphemers (AVS railers) these are abusive and critical against God and man
  - d. These are arrogant individuals
3. Insensitive
  - a. Disobedient to parents Ephesians 6:1-3
  - b. Unthankful Romans 1:21
  - c. Unholy
  - d. Without natural affection, parents for children; Children for parents Husband and wives. Domestic violence
  - e. Trucebrackers Marriage vows; payment vows; refusing to be reconciled
  - f. False accusers always finding fault, running people down
4. Personal Control problems
  - a. Incontinent – without self-control
  - b. Fierce reacting to problems in an uncivilized way; laughing at others when they are hurting
  - c. Traitors no loyalty to a friend, cause or trust
  - d. Heady headstrong hash and only going to have it their way
  - e. High-minded they have a grossly exaggerated impression of themselves
5. Their religion is external verse 5
  - a. It is easy for our religion to become external
  - b. We make it churchanity rather than Christianity

- c. We go to the church then live like the devil the rest of the week
- d. The solution is to respond to God's Word repent if necessary, Change if necessary

### III Conclusion

- 1. We must teach and preach God's Word and let man save himself from himself
- 2. We face many problems in the world, let us be strong not weak
- 3. We can draw nigh to God, but it will take effort

Sources: PC Study Bible commentaries, word studies Vines; Greek studies; Courageous Christian sermon outlines from 2 Timothy by Tom Holland; Studies in First and Second Timothy Titus and Philemon by Robert Taylor. Denton on James