

## “The Depravity of Man”

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2 Timothy 3:1-9

*The gospel will prevail in the end, but the days between today and that glorious victory will be filled with ever increasing evil. Anticipate victory, but prepare for battle.*

Keep on knowing this...

### I. Difficult times (v 1)

The last days (1 Timothy 4:1)

1. Now
2. Until Christ's return

### II. Difficult people (vv 2-4) (Matthew 22:36-40)

#### A. Wrong love

1. Lovers of self (narcissism - to be)
  - a. Boastful
  - b. Arrogant
  - c. Ungrateful
  - d. Conceited
2. Lovers of money (materialism - to have)

1 Timothy 6:9-10

#### 3. Love of pleasure (hedonism - to feel)

- a. Unholy
- b. Without self-control
- c. Reckless

#### B. Wrong relationships

1. Reviler
2. Disobedient to parents
3. Unloving
  - a. People
  - b. God
4. Irreconcilable
5. Malicious gossips
6. Brutal
7. Haters of good
8. Treacherous

#### C. Wrong religion - (v 5) (1 Timothy 6:5-6)

1. Form of godliness
2. Denied power of godliness

3. False teachers - ( vv 5b-8) (2 Timothy 2:26)

a. Tactics (v 6)

1. Secretive

Households

2. Capture

b. Victims (v 6)

Vulnerable women

1. Intellectual weakness (v 7)

2. Moral weakness (v 6)

3. Gullibility (v 6)

c. Depraved mind (v 8) (Isaiah 1:14-17)

1. Oppose the truth

2. Rejected the faith

James 1:27

III. Be encouraged (v 9) (Matthew 16:18b, 1 Timothy 1:13-15)

IV. Be prepared

A. Difficult times will come

B. False teachers will present themselves as genuine

Matthew 7:15

C. Evil can occupy positions of authority

D. Evil's primary weapon is deception

2 Corinthians 11:3

*We must avoid people like this and their practices. We must avoid self-centered lives with misdirected loves and corrupt relationships, religious forms devoid of Christ's power, and the evil tactics of false teachers. There is a better way. To be continued.*

Paul will address this in the next section.

**Next 2 weeks:** Pastor Aloar

**Week three:** 2 Timothy 3:10-15