

## 2 Timothy 3

Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16,17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

*Begin your Bible study with prayer, confessing any sins you know of, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word and asking the Holy Spirit to guide your study.*

Read 2 Timothy 3

1. When are the “last days” Paul describes? Look at the following passages to help you answer this question: Hebrews 1:2; 2 Peter 3:3; 1 Timothy 4:1

*Insight: Not all references to the “last days” or “end times” refer to the same time period. According to Hebrews 1:2, the “last days” is the New Testament era, starting with the first coming of Jesus Christ. (see also Acts 2:16–17, 1 John 2:18, and 1 Peter 1:20.) In this sense, we are living in the “last days”; that is, we are in the final dispensation before the second coming of Christ. In Matthew 13:49, the “end of the age” speaks of the time of judgment when the Lord returns. The Lord’s return and the events leading up to it (Revelation 6–16) are what is commonly referred to as the “end times”. Although the “end times” may have begun more than 2,000 years ago, as the time of Christ’s return draws ever closer, there will be a rapid escalation of the signs He gave.*

2. List and categorize the characteristics of the people that Paul describes in verses 2 through 5. See if you can fit them into 3-4 main categories.

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3. In verses 6-7, Paul describes women who are vulnerable to being captivated by these wicked men. From this description, what makes a person more susceptible to false teachers?

4. In verses 8-9, Paul writes about Jannes and Jambres. Who are they and why do you think he chose to mention them? (see also: Exodus 7:8-13)

5. In verse 12, Paul mentions the persecution he endured. Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-28 and Hebrews 10:32-34 and write down what you learn about persecution of Christians in the first century.

6. In verse 16, Paul writes that “All scripture is inspired by God”

a) What is included in “All scripture”? See also 2 Peter 3:15,16

b) What does Paul mean by “inspired by God”? See also 2 Peter 1:20,21

7. In verse 16, Paul goes on to say that Scripture is profitable for the following: *Teaching*, *Reproof*, *Correction*, *Training*: (Write the purpose of each in your own words.)

8. What is the goal of scriptural teaching, reproof, correction and training in our lives? v. 17 How does this encourage you?

Application: Through the influences of his mother and grandmother as well as Paul, his “spiritual father”, Timothy developed a reverence for God’s Word. As a mother (grandmother, aunt), how can you instill in your children a reverence for God’s Word? If you are not a parent, how can you instill that reverence into other Christians you know? What practical steps will you take to do this?

*End your study by thanking the Lord for what you have learned this week and ask Him to help you apply the truths you have learned.*

For further study: In verse 2, Paul mentions revilers (NASB), other translations use “scoffers” or “blasphemers”. Use a dictionary to look up the definition of this word. Read Prov 19:29; Acts 13:41; Prov 3:34; Psalm 1:1 and Prov 13:20 and write what God’s Word says about scoffers.