

Study Notes for 2 Timothy 3 (Part 1) :1-9

- What is Paul trying to impress upon Timothy in this passage?
- If someone unfamiliar with the Bible asked you to define prophecy, what would you say?
- Why are these verses considered to be prophetic?
- **Verses 2-5** contain the description of the world in the last days. What in this list do you personally see in the world today that leads you to believe this prophecy has been fulfilled?
- Knowing as we do from Scripture that the world is to become progressively darker, what should the attitude of Christians be toward that darkness?
- **[Optional]** Consider reading through the list of worldly character traits and choose a word or phrase that describes its opposite — the trait a Christian should have.
- What does “having a form of godliness but denying its power” (verse 5) tell you about the kind of religion these depraved individuals are practicing?
- (3:8) According to Jewish commentaries of Paul’s day, Jannes and Jambres were two of Pharaoh's magicians who opposed Moses (Exodus 7:11). In what sense do men like the ones described in 2 Timothy 3:1–9 “**oppose the truth**”
- What is a depraved mind (3:8)?
- Does 3:1–9 offer any warnings you think you should take to heart?