

*“Difficult Times Will Come”*

3:1 **B**UT realize this, that <sup>a</sup>in the last days difficult times will come. 2 For men will be <sup>a</sup>lovers of self, <sup>b</sup>lovers of money, <sup>c</sup>boastful, <sup>c</sup>arrogant, <sup>d</sup>revilers, <sup>c</sup>disobedient to parents, <sup>e</sup>ungrateful, <sup>f</sup>unholy, 3 <sup>a</sup>unloving, irreconcilable, <sup>b</sup>malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, <sup>1</sup><sup>c</sup>haters of good, 4 <sup>a</sup>treacherous, <sup>b</sup>reckless, <sup>c</sup>conceited, <sup>d</sup>lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; 5 holding to a form of <sup>1</sup><sup>a</sup>godliness, although they have <sup>b</sup>denied its power; and <sup>c</sup>avoid such men as these. 6 For among them are those who <sup>1</sup><sup>a</sup>enter into households and captivate <sup>b</sup>weak women weighed down with sins, led on by <sup>c</sup>various impulses, 7 always learning and never able to <sup>a</sup>come to the <sup>1</sup>knowledge of the truth. 8 And just as <sup>a</sup>Jannes and Jambres <sup>b</sup>opposed Moses, so these *men* also oppose the truth, <sup>c</sup>men of depraved mind, rejected as regards the faith. 9 But they will not make further progress; for their <sup>a</sup>folly will be obvious to all, <sup>b</sup>as also that of those *two* came to be. 10 But you <sup>a</sup>followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, <sup>b</sup>love, <sup>1</sup>perseverance, 11 <sup>a</sup>persecutions, *and* <sup>b</sup>sufferings, such as happened to me at <sup>c</sup>Antioch, at <sup>d</sup>Iconium *and* at <sup>e</sup>Lystra; what <sup>f</sup>persecutions I endured, and out of them all <sup>g</sup>the Lord delivered me! 12 And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus <sup>a</sup>will be persecuted. 13 But evil men and impostors <sup>a</sup>will proceed *from bad* to worse, <sup>b</sup>deceiving and being deceived. 14 You, however, <sup>a</sup>continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*; 15 and that <sup>a</sup>from childhood you have known <sup>b</sup>the sacred writings which are able to <sup>c</sup>give you the wisdom that leads to <sup>d</sup>salvation through faith which is in <sup>e</sup>Christ Jesus. 16 <sup>1</sup><sup>a</sup>All Scripture is <sup>2</sup>inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for <sup>3</sup>training in righteousness; 17 that <sup>a</sup>the man of God may be adequate, <sup>b</sup>equipped for every good work.

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<sup>a</sup> 1 Tim. 4:1

<sup>a</sup> Phil. 2:21

<sup>b</sup> Luke 16:14; 1 Tim. 3:3; 6:10

<sup>c</sup> Rom. 1:30

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<sup>d</sup> 2 Pet. 2:10-12

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<sup>e</sup> Luke 6:35

<sup>f</sup> 1 Tim. 1:9

<sup>a</sup> Rom. 1:31

<sup>b</sup> 1 Tim. 3:11

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *not loving good*

<sup>c</sup> Titus 1:8

<sup>a</sup> Acts 7:52

<sup>b</sup> Acts 19:36

<sup>c</sup> 1 Tim. 3:6

<sup>d</sup> Phil. 3:19

<sup>1</sup> Or, *religion*

<sup>a</sup> 1 Tim. 4:7

<sup>b</sup> 1 Tim. 5:8

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<sup>c</sup> Matt. 7:15; 2 Thess. 3:6

<sup>1</sup> Or, *creep into*

<sup>a</sup> Jude 4

<sup>b</sup> 1 Tim. 5:6; Titus 3:3

<sup>c</sup> Titus 3:3

<sup>a</sup> 2 Tim. 2:25

<sup>1</sup> Or, *recognition*

<sup>a</sup> Ex. 7:11

<sup>b</sup> Acts 13:8

<sup>c</sup> 1 Tim. 6:5

<sup>a</sup> Luke 6:11

<sup>b</sup> Ex. 7:11, 12; 8:18; 9:11

<sup>a</sup> Phil. 2:20, 22; 1 Tim. 4:6

<sup>b</sup> 1 Tim. 6:11

<sup>1</sup> Or, *steadfastness*

<sup>a</sup> 2 Cor. 12:10

<sup>b</sup> 2 Cor. 1:5, 7

<sup>c</sup> Acts 13:14, 45, 50

<sup>d</sup> Acts 14:1-7, 19

<sup>e</sup> Acts 14:8-20

<sup>f</sup> 2 Cor. 11:23-27

<sup>g</sup> Rom. 15:31

<sup>a</sup> John 15:20; Acts 14:22; 2 Cor. 4:9f.

<sup>a</sup> 2 Tim. 2:16

<sup>b</sup> Titus 3:3

<sup>a</sup> 2 Tim. 1:13; Titus 1:9

<sup>a</sup> 2 Tim. 1:5

<sup>b</sup> John 5:47; Rom. 2:27

<sup>c</sup> Ps. 119:98f.

<sup>d</sup> 1 Cor. 1:21

<sup>e</sup> 2 Tim. 1:1

<sup>1</sup> Or possibly, *Every Scripture inspired by God is also profitable*

<sup>a</sup> Rom. 4:23f.; 15:4; 2 Pet. 1:20f.

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *God-breathed*

<sup>3</sup> Lit., *training which is in*

<sup>a</sup> 1 Tim. 6:11

<sup>b</sup> 2 Tim. 2:21; Heb. 13:21

<sup>i</sup> *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.