

## PERILOUS TIMES ARE COMING IN THE LAST DAYS

(2 Timothy 3:1-5)

### I. THE COMING APOSTASY THAT IS ALREADY HERE (3:1-9)

#### A. The UNGODLY CHARACTERISTICS of Mankind in the Last Days (3:1-4)

1. “*Perilous times*” throughout the centuries has been evident and \_\_\_\_\_ with sacramentalism, \_\_\_\_\_, and subjectivism just to name a few. (3:1)
  
2. Ultimately when man \_\_\_\_\_ his own opinion over God’s revealed \_\_\_\_\_, he places himself on the throne.
  
3. Paul lists 18 characteristics of men (and women) who have become apostate (3:2-4)..
  - a. *For men will be lovers of themselves*
  
  - b. *lovers of money*
  
  - c. *boasters*
  
  - d. *proud*
  
  - e. *blasphemers*
  
  - f. *disobedient to parents*
  
  - g. *unthankful*
  
  - h. *unholy*
  
  - i. *unloving* (v. 3)

- j. *unforgiving*
- k. *slanderers*
- l. *without self-control*
- m. *brutal*
- n. *despisers of good*
- o. *traitors* (v. 4)
- p. *headstrong*
- q. *haughty*
- r. *lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God*

**B. Your RESPONSIBILITY with Such People (3:5)**

1. Leaders in a parachurch organization or church who promote false teaching have “a \_\_\_\_\_ (*morphsis*) of godliness” on the \_\_\_\_\_, but they are merely charlatans who are masquerading themselves. (Matt. 23:25; John 8:44; Titus 1:16)
  
2. You and I have a standing order from the Holy Spirit, “*And from such people \_\_\_\_\_* \_\_\_\_\_!” (2 Tim. 2:16, 19, 22, 23)

\* How can you apply this truth in your own life?