

2 Timothy 3 • Disciple of Heaven or Earth?

1. (v.1-9) Characteristics of **apostasy**:
 - a. “lovers of **self**” (v.2)
 - b. “lovers of **money**” (v.2)
 - c. “**boastful**” (v.2)
 - d. “**arrogant**” (v.2)
 - e. “**revilers**” (v.2)
 - f. “disobedient to **parents**” (v.2)
 - g. “**ungrateful**” (v.2)
 - h. “**unholy**” (v.2)
 - i. “**unloving**” (v.3)
 - j. “**irreconcilable**” (v.3)
 - k. “malicious **gossips**” (v.3)
 - l. “without **self-control**” (v.3)
 - m. “**brutal**” (v.3)
 - n. “haters of **good**” (v.3)
 - o. “**treacherous**” (v.4)
 - p. “**reckless**” (v.4)
 - q. “**conceited**” (v.4)
 - r. “lovers of **pleasure** rather than lovers of **God**” (v.4)
 - s. “holding to a form of **godliness**, although they have denied its **power**” (v.5)
 - t. **Sexual** sin (v.6)
 - u. “always **learning** and never able to come to the knowledge of the **truth**” (v.7)
 - v. “oppose the **truth**” (v.8)
 - w. “depraved **mind**” (v.8)
2. (v.5) The apostate embrace “a form of **godliness**” but stop short of engaging in biblical **sanctification**.
3. (v.6-7) The apostate behavior clings to the **lusts** of the flesh.
4. (v.8-9) Like Jannes and Jambres, false teachers can perform **real** signs but are exposed by a “depraved **mind**” and their opposition to the **truth**.
5. (v.10-17) Characteristics of the true **believer**:
 - a. They put into practice the “**teaching**” of the Apostles.
 - b. They put into practice the “**conduct**” of the Apostles.
 - c. They put into practice the “**purpose**” of the Apostles.
 - d. They put into practice the “**faith**” of the Apostles.
 - e. They put into practice the “**patience**” of the Apostles.
 - f. They put into practice the “**love**” of the Apostles.
 - g. They put into practice the “**perseverance**” of the Apostles.
 - h. They participate in the “**persecutions**, and **sufferings**” of the Apostles.
6. (v.13) To keep from being **deceived** we must hold fast to that which we know to be **true**.
7. (v.15) The final **authority** is always the Word of God.
8. (v.16-17) Having first put God’s Word into practice **personally**, it is then put into practice **corporately** as we use it for “teaching”, “reproof”, “correction”, and “training in righteousness”. Note: These four terms all refer to changing **behavior**.