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## Perilous Times

*“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.” 2 Timothy 3:1*

Intro: #01

The Apostle wrote that there will be difficult times for Christians living in the last days; he goes on to explain why, and that’s because of the people living in those days; and then he goes on to explain what we’re to do to handle it. Yes we will have to be applying the same doctrines of occupying ourselves with Christ through his Word, and be given over to prayer and the faith rest life, but there will be something else and that is **we’re to turn away from** the types of people he describes in this passage.

Now this becomes very important for us because these types of people and the situation that will be existing in those days, which is already upon us, will make it very difficult for believers in Christ to live in the spiritual life that God created in them. So we need to see what kind of people Paul is talking about and ultimately what we all need to do as believers, so we can survive spiritually, that is, to be able to maintain our faith and walk with the Lord.

The word used for **turn away**, or have nothing to do with, is *apostrepho*. Now *strepheo* meant to turn to something, but with *apo*, **from**, prefixed to it, *apostrepho*, it meant to turn away from, to turn away from a person; and in a negative sense to turn away from God, or away from the truth. As believers we are not to turn away from God, his Word, those who are walking in his Word, and those who teach his Word. But we should turn away from those believers who are living lives that are blatantly contrary to Doctrine, as Paul has instructed. And so in *apostrepho* we are commanded to turn away from the wrong kind of people, if we are associating with them, and avoid these types in the future so we can turn to living in the spiritual life! *“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the **latter times** some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;” 1 Timothy 4:1,2 “And for this cause God shall send them **strong delusion**, that they should believe a lie:” 2 Thessalonians 2:11*

A. These difficult times shall come upon us. v.1

*“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.” 2 Timothy 3:1 - τουτο δε γνωσκει ‘οτι εν εσχαταις ‘ημεραις ενστησονται καιροι χαλεποι.*

**This know also** – *touto de ginoske*. We have a present active imperative here of *ginosko*, the mood of command, where Paul is commanding us to know something about what the last days will be like. It has the idea of bringing in new knowledge to add to what they already know or have been taught, much the same as we see going on in churches today.

This doctrine will give the believers faith, strength and the knowledge of what to do during those times, which will be difficult in so many ways, but especially in the area of difficult of applying the Bible Doctrine we have learned so we can maintain our spiritual walk with the Lord. Otherwise we will just deteriorate into drunkenness, dissipation, fear, etc.. These conditions will exist and get worse regardless of what godly men can do to prevent them. The purpose of all this is so that we can concentrate on our own spiritual life, for without it we will deteriorate ourselves.

**That in the last days** - *hoti en eschatais hemeraiis*. The **latter times** of 1 Timothy 4:1 denotes a period of time that could encompass from a few months, depending on the context, to as many as fifty years. But the term **last days** would refer to the last years of those times. So we end up with, first of all, a period of time encompassing as many as fifty years, but then we get down to the last five or ten years, which would get into a few years preceding the Tribulation and on into the Tribulation itself.

**Perilous times** is *kairoi chalepoi*. The Apostle Paul characterizes the **last days** as *chalepos*, which has been translated as: difficult, terrible, and even dangerous by some. It has the idea of being hard to deal with, hard to bear, grievous, even dangerous and violent. They will be times of pressure and stress; times that weigh men's hearts down; times that can be a cause of great fear and consternation. And the main cause is the out of control behavior by people living on the earth, who are only interested in self-gratification.

Now all of that may be true, but the word itself came from the idea of studies that are too hard for the student. Most of us have taken classes in school that are way beyond our ability to comprehend what the teacher is trying to teach us. We hear his words; we read the textbooks, but for some reason we're not able to grasp the whole thing, even if we have applied ourselves to the curriculum. So when the day of the test comes, it's extremely difficult and we're lucky to get a C or D grade, that's *chalepos*.

So what it's saying is that the last days will be difficult for Christians in the sense of being able to apply the Bible Doctrine they have learned and to maintain their spiritual life dynamic with the Lord. Prayer, exercising faith, keeping our eyes on the Lord, maintaining an *agape* mental attitude, exercising forgiveness, living in peace, living in the unique spiritual life that God has created in all of us and not being gripped with fear over what is happening will be a real test for us. But we can do it with the Lord's help and one of the things we'll have to do is **avoid** these types of people, who are negative.

**Shall come** is the future middle indicative of *esteson tai*, which has the idea of being present, or settling in upon you with the idea of permanence. Which can be rather discouraging for this shows that these difficult, stressful, hard to bear, hard to apply doctrine times will be on us **permanently; they're here to stay until the Lord returns**. It's called a progressive future, which indicates progress in the future where things will progressively be getting worse until they are settled in upon you, as we are presently witnessing in the state of affairs here in America.

Christians and non-Christians alike call the men of God who preach these things "prophets of doom", but all we're doing is teaching what the Word of God says. We would reply back to you to stop loving the world and the things that are in the world! They don't want to hear it because it upsets the plans they have in this world, but for us it's good news because it's saying that our Lord's return is getting closer and closer! You have to be deaf, dumb and blind to not be able to see that things are getting more violent, more dangerous, more evil and more difficult to live the spiritual life.

## B. The characteristics of people in the last days. v.2

*"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy," 2 Timothy 3:2* - εσονται γαρ 'οι ανθρωποι φιλαυτοι φιλαργυροι αλαζονες 'υπερηφανοι βλασφημοι γονευσιν απειθεις αχαριστοι ανοσιοι.

**For men shall be** – *esontai gar hoi anthropoi*. It begins with the future middle indicative of *eimi*, the verb of status quo telling us what kind of people there will be in the future. The future tense with the indicative mood denotes that this will be an absolute certainty. #01 9-13-15

The word for **men** is *anthropos* and it would be the word for mankind, both men and women; and this isn't exclusive to just the unsaved, but also saved people as well! Which throws us for a loop in that we expect unsaved people to be like this, but not the saved; but they are included in this as well.

The middle voice of **shall be** is reflexive showing us that **they make themselves like this**; they make themselves self-willed, self-centered, self-absorbed, self-seeking, self-serving and all the rest. And how did they become like this? Because of their own **negative volition**! The unbeliever rejects God's gracious gift of salvation and the believer rejects living in the doctrinal, spiritual life dynamic that he provides in grace; both groups are stuck in negative volition.

**Lovers of self** – *philautoi*. The word is a compound of two other words: *autos* – self, and *philos* – to love. It had the original idea of putting one's self before others; to put one's comfort, benefit and desires before everyone and everything, including other people, church, family and country. In today's language it denotes the idea of **narcissism**; one who is self-centered and self-willed.

**Narcissistic** people recognize that other people do exist, but they exist only for the purpose of gratifying their desires, wishes, or goals. Narcissists are the main planets around which the lesser planets orbit, who exist only to bask in the glory of the main planet. They are the gods of their own universe. They are totally absorbed in themselves. They are self-centered, and so self-absorbed that anyone around them either does not exist, at least at their level, or if they do exist it is at a lower plane of existence and they are there only to serve their goals and desires. They are selfish, and if they do something for others, it's only for the purpose of bringing more glory unto themselves.

Narcissists do not love God or his Word. Why? Because they love themselves! They do not have the capacity to love other people with rapport love. Why? Because they love themselves! But they like to appear that they care about others. Why? It brings more attention and glory to themselves. Whatever they do in "love" has as its goal to bring attention to themselves. Why? They are self-centered and they want everyone around them to have their attention directed at them.

Self-centered people love things; they do not love people and that's because they love themselves; they love position, (the higher the better); they love money because it helps bring the attention on themselves; they love glory, because it brings the attention to themselves; they love power, fame and glory, or anything else that will push them higher and higher. And at the same time, if they detect if someone is encroaching on their level of glory, then they will do anything in their power to push them down; either practically or verbally; they abhor competition.

Narcissists do not love people; rather they use them for their own gain or lusts. If you are related to them, friends with them, or associates with them, then one day you will be cast aside by them when they are through using you. That's what narcissists do; they use people to gratify their own agendas of vaunting themselves above others; once that is accomplished, then you're set aside.

The one thing they do not have operating in their souls and that is **agape love**! *Agape* love is a spiritual mental attitude where you love God and love others; where you really care about others and self is not a consideration. But not so with the narcissist; he or she love only themselves – period. This type is never to be a consideration for marriage, for you will spend the rest of your life basking in their glory. Not unless they get saved and start living in the filling of the Holy Spirit. All the bad traits that people living in the last days will possess stem from this problem of being narcissists. And the one thing that stands out is that none of them will be living in **agape love**!

We see this in the Lord's statement of what people will be like before his return to earth. "*And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.*" Matthew 24:12 And to have **agape love** the believer must be filled with the Holy Spirit, which tells us that most believers won't be! Which tells us that most believers will not be living in the sphere of the spiritual life dynamic that God has provided for them, but will still maintain a religious outer appearance.

We notice that this passage begins with the statement, "*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*" using the words, *εν εσχάταις ἡμέραις*, **en eschatais hemerais**. The word is **en** and when used with the locative of sphere, it tells us that a certain activity will be taking place **within the sphere of whatever en denotes**. So what this is saying is that all these things that are mentioned here by Paul will be taking place within the sphere of the last days. The word for **last** is *eschatos* and it denoted the end, the uttermost, or the utmost. It would look at only the very last days of something.

Now it says that they will be selfish, self-centered, self-absorbed, only caring about themselves, that they will be narcissists to the core in the last days, but this is referring to the last days of the Church Age, not the last days of the nation of Israel, which was destroyed by Rome in 70AD. "*Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.*" 1 Thessalonians 2:16

But they are not victims in this matter for **they will make themselves narcissistic** because of their continually being absorbed in themselves! Instead of being absorbed in God and his Word, they continue to be absorbed in themselves and this trait was developed in them from childhood on and they never got out of it, they only became worse!

These are the types that will witness others being the subjects of injustice, or hostile treatment, but will do nothing about it to stop it, because it's not happening to them. I've got mine, the heck with them. And those days, whatever their number is, will be characterized by things getting progressively worse and by people getting progressively more narcissistic. They won't change; they won't get better, until Christ returns to earth and deals with it. We see this going on in America today.

All of this will take place, (and is taking place now), within one generation from start to finish of the beginning of the nation of Israel in 1947 to 1949. "*Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.*" Matthew 24:24 If Israel is represented as the fig tree, and it is, and if it began either in 1947, 1948, or 1949; and if a generation is 70 years, then we end up with a target date of 2017, or 2018, or 2019 for all this to be concluded.

**Covetous** – *philaguroi* comes from two words: *philos* – to love; and *aguros* – *silver*; simply to love money. The out growth of self love is the love of money because of what it can do for them: 1) gratify their many lusts; they deserve things; 2) vaunt their egos even more; 3) have the ability to acquire more things to show themselves to be above others even more. To the narcissist everything exists for their self-centered purposes. And once again, people who love money are incapable of loving people.

The love of money and what it can buy, which stems from people loving themselves, can cause people to lie, cheat, steal and violate every concept of integrity; it can cause men and women to neglect their roles and responsibilities to leave their homes, families and children all to get money. Why? Because in the mind of the person who loves themselves is the thought that they **deserve** it! Why do they think that? Because in their minds self is above all others, so they deserve money, fame, power, success, things and everything else money can buy. #02 9-20-15

But what does the Lord have to say about those who love money? “*No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*” Matthew 6:24 “*But they that **will be rich** fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the **love of money** is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*” 1 Timothy 6:9,10

This will be a major problem toward the end of the Church Age when so many believers will be chasing after money. Sadly, some “churches” today have made a virtue out of loving money and acquiring things. “*Because thou sayest, **I am rich**, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.*” Revelations 3:17,18

The solution for which is living a life of **contentment** concerning the things and money one has and living life in the spiritual life. “*But godliness with **contentment** is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith **content**.*” 1 Timothy 6:6-8 “*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be **content** with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*” Hebrews 13:5

**Boasters** – *alazones* is the manifestation of personal pride using words; it speaks of one who makes more of himself, or speaks more of himself than the reality justifies, a braggart. It was used of the empty and boastful cures that medical quacks have used throughout the years. Most of the bragging or boasting these types do are really empty. Other people in their pride will brag about whom they are, what they have and what they do because those things are true. But the **braggart** makes empty boasts about himself; empty because they do not exist.

**Proud** – *huperephanoi*. This word comes from two words: *huper* – above and *phainomai* – to appear to appear to be above others, to show oneself as being above others. This manifestation of pride is where the individual consider himself to be above other people, then goes about seeking ways that they can appear to be above people.

There are many ways they seek to do this; one of them is by status symbols, such as, big homes, expensive cars, belonging to certain clubs, being in the elite groups, expensive clothes, lavish spending of money, job positions, careers, educational degrees, jewelry, even down to the type of T-shirts and sunglasses they wear; all ways to set themselves above the crowd, others due this by always trying to be in the limelight, or be the center of attention. It all stems from the mental attitude of **pride** where the individual considers himself **higher** or better than other people, then they go about seeking ways that they can **show** themselves to be different and above others.

**Blasphemers** – *blasphemoi*. It has been translated as blasphemers and revilers and it meant simply to speak evil of someone, or to malign them. Today we refer to this concept as bad-mouthing, to run people down by saying bad things about them. We see bragging, when they talk about themselves; but we see bad-mouthing, when they are talking about others! What’s the connecting link? They are arrogant and love themselves. So to keep themselves elevated above other people, because they have an inflated viewpoint of themselves; they have to elevate themselves by bragging, while, at the same time, they have to run everybody else down!

**Boasting and blasphemy** will be a dominant theme of the **antichrist**. “I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a **mouth speaking great things**.” Daniel 7:8 “I beheld then because of the voice of the **great words which the horn spake**: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.” Daniel 7:11 “And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a **mouth that spake very great things**, whose look was more stout than his fellows.” Daniel 7:20 “And he opened his mouth in **blasphemy** against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.” Rev. 13:6

And it is no wonder that the **antichrist** will be full of pride, boasting and blasphemy, because his father, the **devil**, is full of pride, boasting and blasphemy. “He beholdeth all high things: he is a king over all the children of **pride**.” Job 41:34 And those who are his people are full of pride, boasting and blasphemy. In speaking of the Jews, Christ overtly stated about them, “Ye are of your **father the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.” John 8:44 “I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the **blasphemy** of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.” Revelations 2:9 “Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.” Revelations 3:9 Pride and boasting belong to the devil’s world, not Christ’s kingdom.

**Disobedient to parents** – *goneusin apeitheis*. **Parents** is the dative plural of *goneus*, which meant a begetter; one who causes another to come into existence. Some of the words for **obedience** are: 1) *hupakouo* – to submit oneself to authority; 2) *peitharcho* – to obey one in authority; 3) *peitho* – to obey because of persuasion.

**Obedience** emphasizes the idea of doing what you’re told to do because you’re told to do it. It recognizes that someone is in command and under the **authority** of the chain of command you do what they tell you to do. While *peitho* indicates that one does what another person says because you’ve been won over on the inside and he because he trusts the individual and his point of view on the matter. So, because he has been persuaded, he will do what he has been asked to do.

But our word here is *apeitheis*, which tells us that the children living in the last days will not do what their parents tell them to do because they are unpersuadable! They do not respect the authority of their **parents**; they do not even respect the fact that they are **older and wiser** having more life experiences. So matters of obedience and authority are totally out the window. This goes into an even worse situation in that they won’t even listen to reason! There is nothing you can say or do, no examples that you can give them that will win them over – they are **unpersuadable!** Now if their own parents, who brought them into this world, who have fed them, clothed them, educated them and put up with them for all their years; and the only people on earth who love them, if they won’t listen to them it tells us how negative and prideful they are!

Verbs of authority tell us we’re to obey someone because they are in a position of lawful authority. But *peitho* tells us that one has been won over on the inside by the act of persuasion. Concepts associated with persuasion are: by reason, by force of argument, by evidence, by love, by gentle persuasion. This individual may still have an authority problem, but has been convinced by: evidence, advice, reason, counsel, examples, patience, or love to do what someone has told him to do. #03 9-27-15 #04

Children should obey their parents because: 1) they are their parents and want the best for them; 2) they understand the authority structure in life and accept it; 3) God commands them to do it; 4) the last resort is to try to get through to them with **persuasion**. But with *apeitheis* here it tells us that they not only disobey their parents, but there is nothing you can do to persuade them to do it.

This reveals extreme pride and a rebellious will. The child is going to do what it wants to do in spite of the parents' exhausting everything they know to do. They take them to church; they teach them at home; the schools try to teach them; corporeal punishment is brought in; even the cops try to reason with them, but to no avail for they are unpersuadable. They are going to do what they want to do. If they don't die at an early age, they will either run afoul of the law, or end up destroying their bodies through drugs and diseases, or both.

These are the **fools** mentioned 78 times just in the Book of Proverbs. "*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*" Proverbs 1:7 "*The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.*" Proverbs 12:15 "*A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.*" Proverbs 15:5 "*A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.*" Proverbs 15:20 "*A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.*" Proverbs 17:25 "*A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.*" Proverbs 26:3

It is the parents' responsibility to inculcate obedience, submission to authority, learning life's lessons, manners, etc., in their children as they are growing up, but so often one or both of the parents failed to do this. Either because: 1) they were against the concept of authority themselves; 2) one of the parents wasn't there to do it due to death or divorce; 3) because one or both indulged the kids; 4) one parent fought the other parent who was trying to do it. This was a problem at one time in ancient Israel, as it is today in America. "*As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.*" Isaiah 3:12

Today the majority of mothers work outside the home where they can no longer teach them and train them as they use to do; and the majority of the fathers are absent most of the time from the kid's lives due to divorce. Not saying this is their fault, but that it's the reality of the situation, which means that they are not there daily in their lives to teach, train and discipline along the lines of authority. When the parents are around they usually indulge the kids out of guilt, so once again the children are not learning the things they need to learn about authority and discipline. Children also have a tendency to rebel against their parents' rules because they are mad at them over the divorce. So when they leave home they are pretty much self-centered and not wanting to submit to any authority, especially their parents!

There are five environments where children can and are to learn the concepts of authority and obedience: 1) first of all in the home from the parents; 2) in community organizations, such as school and sports; 3) in the military where they won't fool around with you; 4) in a local church sitting under Bible Doctrine and the authority of a Pastor-Teacher; 5) in jail or prison and that's the hard way. For the rebellious Christian, they will still be getting the discipline of God when they are rebelling against the Father's will, but it will greatly help them to get their acts together by recognizing there is an authority structure from heaven under God.

Anyway, this will be a big time phenomenon in the last days where you will not just see this here and there, like we used to in days gone by, but an overwhelming concept of children being disobedient to their own parents throughout society. **#04 10-04-15**



**Ungrateful** – *acharistoi*. *Acharistos* comes from *a* – negative, and *charistos* – grace, no grace, or not gracious, or not a grace person. Now it does mean to be unthankful, ungrateful and thankless, which tells us that this will be one of the chief characteristics of people living in the Last Days. We could also put in here that they will be **non grace** type of people, that is, they do not accept the grace of God, nor are they gracious to other people; they don't even know what grace is. **#05**

**Thankfulness** is one of the signs of a grace mental attitude and also one of someone who is meek before the Lord. **Meekness** being the mental attitude that understands that you deserve nothing from the Lord and you willingly accept whatever his grace provisions he has for you: your food, clothing, transportation, things, relationships, etc.. Whatever you do have you know that you have received it from the grace of God and you know that you don't deserve it, neither were you entitled to it; it is his grace to you, so you are thankful and thank him for it.

The word comes from the *charis* word group, which denotes the idea of grace. And all this stems from having a mental attitude that is not oriented to grace. Under grace you understand that everything that comes to you from God is on the basis of his grace; we don't deserve it, we don't merit it; and we cannot earn it. Therefore we should be **thankful** for it and have a mental attitude of **thankfulness**. But these types neither are gracious to other people, or understand and operate by the principle of grace, but they believe that they are entitled to everything.

You will find non-grace types of people in every sector of society. But tragically now they are found in every church and every denomination. And not that there are non-grace people in a local church, but that the church itself does not function on the basis of grace. You would think that out of every institution on earth that people might go to the church would be a place where they would find grace. But not so for the majority of them, rather they have turned into commercial business-oriented organizations that are merchandising the Lord.

They sell their books, their printed information, the recordings of their sermons, the lectures they give, the counseling they offer their people, then they charge you 10% just for the privilege of being one of their members! They don't teach people about the grace of God; they don't understand grace; they don't teach believers how we are to treat others with grace; they don't even know what grace is! All they do is assign jobs in their religious non-profit corporations and tell them to stay out of trouble. It is incompatible with grace to charge anything for anything that has to do with Jesus Christ! Whether it is a doctrinal sermon, or a Bible, or tracts, or audio recordings, or printed literature, or counseling, or training for the ministry, or whatever! It is all to be supplied on the basis of grace! No charge!

**Unholy** – *anosioi*. The word comes from *a* – negative, and *hosios* – holy; not holy. It was a cultural term used in those days of men and their duty to serve and worship their deity. The pagans took their religious life seriously and held it up their at the top of their priorities along with family. They were careful to observe its rituals, to abide by its moral mandates, to worship their deity and to apply their religion to their life.

The *anosios* man was one who did not do that. Why? Because he put himself, his lusts, goals, plans and desires above the god of his culture. He rejected religion; the sacred meant nothing to him. America was a religious nation at one time, and I'm using religion in its broader term, where men and women were often referred to as being religious. These men and women took their worship and duties before God seriously. They attended church and abided by certain moral principles. But many Americans began to depart from that after the sexual revolutions of the 60's.

**Unloving** – *astorgoi*. It's from *a* – *negative*, and *storge* – love of kindred. *Storge* refers not to love in the sense it's usually taken, but the love of kindred, love of one's family, especially of the love of the parents for their children, or the love of children for their parents. What it actually speaks of is natural affection, but with the *a* – *negative* it tells us that people living in the Last Days will be without natural affection. Cultural influences will so shape the psyche of people that this will no longer be there.

But we don't want to limit this to just the natural affection that exists between family members, but an overall lack of affection for humanity in general. There will be something going on in the Last Days that will desensitize this part of the human soul where people will no longer have the "milk of human kindness" for their fellow man.

Now drug use will certainly do this, and as we have seen in the prophecies that the entire world will be on one form of drugs or another, whether legal or illegal. Another factor is that there will be an overwhelming brainwashing done on people to condition their minds; starting in taking them out of the home at an early age where children can be re-programmed to fit in with the New World Order. This is accomplished by getting the young mothers to leave their children with a baby sitter, or in front of a TV, where the brainwashing continues, all so they can go out in the corporate world to make profits for the billionaires. Another one is through the brainwashing of mass media, which further de-sensitizes people; video games where young men are training themselves to electronically kill people; the countless atrocities of war where men, women and children are blown up all around the world and no one says a word about it. **#05 10-11-15**

There were four words used for **love** in those days: 1) *agape*, which is the spiritual love produced by the filling of the Holy Spirit; 2) *philos*, which is a capacity love developed by spiritual growth; 3) *eros*, which is a romantic love, falling in love, etc.; 4) *storge*, which is the natural affection that parents and children have for each other, which is also reflected toward their fellow man. **#06**

**Natural affection** can only be developed in the child by having a loving, accepting interaction with the parents. The child cannot develop this from schools, TV, society, friends, or the world system. The only place a child can learn this is from the home from loving parents on a day-to-day basis by being around them, talking to them and cuddling with them.

When this environment is lacking, when the mother isn't there with the child, when parents are absent due to work, or divorce, when there is brutality, violence, trauma, rejection, a sense of abandonment, anger, arguments, screaming, then the child will grow up without natural affection; their ability to have those tender emotions toward family and society will be diminished or lacking altogether.

When WW II began, millions of fathers had to leave their homes to go off and fight for the country, many never returned, which meant that the children grew up without the affection and input from their fathers; and before the war only 7% of the women worked! During the war many mothers went to work, the old "Rosie the Riveter" campaign. The result was that all of those children grew up without that tender input from their parents resulting in them having a diminished capacity for natural affection.

After the war the figure for women working shot up to 25%. Now you have fathers working, as they always did, but now there are the mothers working also! All during this time the children were not getting that loving, accepting input from their parents. They wanted it! They needed it! But they didn't get it. So the numbers of *astorgoi* started to grow. Then there was the sexual revolution of the 60's and the women's lib movement of the 70's and now 70% of the mothers work outside the home!

When we are talking about not having natural affection, we are talking about concepts of the flesh, that is, normal humanity and not the new nature. But even in normal human behavior there is normal human natural affection, without which children can grow up to be hard-hearted and desensitized, as we see going on in many cultures around the world.

Once children have love, guidance, human interaction and affection taken away from them by one or both of the parents, then all there is left for them is TV, video games, the movies and music. And if the content of these things is violent, then they will become desensitized to accept violence in their lives. If boys are trained to look at women as sex objects, thanks to the readily available porno magazines and America's obsession with sex, then they will no longer look at women as wives, mothers, life mates, potential mothers for their children and someone to be respected and valued.

Many will grow up to have abnormal qualities where they have affection for animals, such as, dogs, cats, owls, dolphins, even trees, but have none for people. They can be abnormally obsessed for their own pet, but have no concern over children being aborted in their mother's wombs, or children being blown to bits around the world. This comes from years of social engineering and mental conditioning. This has been the plan of the satanic Illuminati all along, which patterns all this after Plato's Republic, where the children are removed from the parents, or parents from the children, and then they are "educated" by the state along the lines the state wants. This has been going on in communist countries for years and is now in full operation in America! The goal of which is to destroy the bond between parent and child, to destroy the parent-child affection, love, loyalty and devotion and **to make the state the parent**. The state will allow the child to remain in the custody of a state-designated parent, but make no mistake about it – the state now is the parent! Right now a law has been passed in Germany that the children are to report their parents to the state, if the parents are against the immigration of Muslim migrants into their country! This is exactly the model that Hitler used.

What most Americans don't know is that if you get married under a state issued marriage license, the state is giving you permission to marry that person. If there is an issue of children from that union, then all issues of that "marriage" are automatically wards of the state. They can tell you what you can do and not do with **their** "children"; they can punish you, fine you, or take them away and place them in another home and make you pay for their support.

**Some of the things that contribute to no natural affection are:**

- 1) Scar tissue in the soul that prevented the parent from showing natural affection to the child.
- 2) The lack of a loving environment where there is plenty of affection to go around.
- 3) Economic hardship, divorce, wars and displacement.
- 4) Mothers working outside the home.
- 5) Fathers who are too busy or uninterested in interaction with their children.
- 6) Not enough quality time with the children each day.
- 7) The break-up of the family.
- 8) Family members with serious emotional problems.
- 9) Drug and alcohol addiction.
- 10) Parents incarcerated in prison.
- 11) Brain-washing by the public schools
- 12) Brain-washing by TV, movies and other media.
- 13) Selfish parents that care only about their own agendas.
- 14) Parents with wrong priorities: careers, money, jobs and fun; it's all about self, not the kids.

C. The characteristics of people in the last days. v.3 #06 10-18-15 #07

“Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,” 2 Timothy 3:3 - αστοργοι ασπονδοι διαβολοι ακρατεις ανημεροι αφιλαγαθοι

The word for **trucebreakers** is *aspondai* and is also translated as irreconcilable. To understand it we need to place it side by side with *asunthetos*. *Asunthetos* assumes the condition that two parties, individuals or nations, are being in covenant or treaty with each other, or have good relations with each other, but refuse to abide by the treaty or covenant, or maintain the good relationship they have; the truce is broken; the covenant is broken, or the relationship is broken.

The difference between *asunthetos* and *aspondai* is that *asunthetos* presumes an existing state of peace, which is broken, while *aspondai* presumes a state of war, enmity, or hostility; and one or both of the parties will not reconcile their differences. So **irreconcilable** is the preferred term here.

The background for this comes from the word *sponde*, which speaks of a libation made to the gods, from *spendo* – to pour out a libation. When an offering was made to the gods; a drink, usually wine, was poured out on the ground, or on a sacrifice. This was done as the prescribed gesture to appease the deity for any wrongdoing; it was an act of reconciliation. So *asponde* meant irreconciliation; it meant that there was nothing you could do to appease the other person.

For centuries men have used the term **libation** when drinking alcohol and it comes from the idea that if there has been any disagreement, hostility, or hard feelings between two men; all that would be done away with if they “shared a drink”, a pouring out of a libation. If one or both refused to “share a drink”, a libation, then that showed they refused to be reconciled. Between nations, or other parties, it denoted an arranging of an armistice, or a peace treaty. After signing the treaty it was and is customary for both parties to share a drink.

So that’s the background for *spende*, or its negative *asponde*. *Asponde* meant that someone was **irreconcilable**; there’s nothing you can do to do away with the hostility. It’s a sign of tremendous pride and anger. If someone who was at odds with you said, “Let me buy you a drink”, it was his way of making up; he wanted to reconcile with you. Christ poured out his blood to reconcile us to God; not God to us for he had done nothing wrong, but us to God for we are the one's who had sinned against him. And for us to refuse to “drink of this *libation*”, which is a metaphor for faith in Christ, shows how **irreconcilable** man can be. What this shows us is that this will be one of the chief characteristics of people living in the Last days.

**False accusers** - διαβολοι, *diaboloι*. Some of the ideas found in this are: to accuse, to falsely accuse, to slander, and to bring charges against someone with hostile intent. Brought into the English it becomes the word devil, which is one of the names for Satan because he is constantly accusing the people of God before God's throne. “*And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*” Revelations 12:10

Faultfinding is not the idea in view here, although there is a lot of that going on in society and the Church. Its verb form is *diaballo*, which meant to inform on someone to the authorities, to accuse someone of doing something wrong to the authorities, to bring legal charges with hostile intent.

The noun form, when used with the definite article, *ho diabolos*, is the term used for the devil, also known as Lucifer in the Latin, and Satan in the Hebrew. Both the words devil and Satan accurately describe what Satan is and does for he is our Adversary at Law and he accuses us night and day before the throne of God. Without the definite article, and when in the plural, as we have here, is not referring to Satan personally, but certain types of people on earth who demonstrate this negative quality.

This gets more into the idea of not just accusing people of doing something wrong to the authorities, but into the world of **informing** on them, of becoming informants! But more than that, it has the added idea of **spying** on one's neighbors and other people for the purpose of informing on them to the authorities. This was standard fare in Bolshevik Russia, when the Communists took over, in Nazi Germany under Hitler, in Communist China, in Cambodia, and now we see it in America!

God tells us to live peaceably with our neighbors, not to spy on them! The United Kingdom has over 4 million cameras spying on its people. The America government has untold millions of camera spying on our every move. And now it is encouraging private citizens to spy on their fellow American with slogans such as, "See something; say something", and the Neighborhood Watch program.

Paul revealed this problem of spying the early Church had, "*This matter arose because some false brothers had infiltrated our ranks to **spy** on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might remain with you.*" Galatians 2:4,5. And Daniel prophesied that this will be a problem in the Last Days where "**insincere**" believers, or that's what they pass themselves off as, will join in with Biblical churches for the purpose of spying on them to turn them into the authorities. "*When they fall, they will receive a little help, and many who are **not sincere** will join them.*" Daniel 11:34

**Incontinent** – ἀκρατεῖς, *akrateis*. Some of the ideas found in it are: unrestrained behavior, having no self-control; the inability to exercise control over one's thoughts, emotions, speech and physical actions. It means that whatever OSN impulse hits this person's brain he or she acts on it without thought, restraint, or any control over themselves. If an emotion goes through their brain, then they will blurt out how they feel and act as if it was reality. If they have a thought or feeling in their head, there is no filtering it in their speech; whatever they think, or feel spews forth. These are the types who spew filthy words out around other people and could care less whom they are around, or where they're at! If they're angry, then the arguing, screaming, hollering and cursing will come rushing out of their mouths, even if they are in a public place. They have no self-control. Now this is bad enough if you have a few people like this in every community, but imagine how bad it will be if it is predominant in society! And we haven't even gotten into the area of physical acts.

*Akrateis* refers to the lack of self-control and is the word used for those who married, but one of the mates is not providing sex for the other; hence the admonition to stop depriving the other mate of sex so their spouse won't be involved in any sexual sins outside of marriage. 1 Corinthians 7:5, "*Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your **lack of self-control**.*" James tells us that our tongues can be very destructive, "*Even so the **tongue** is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!*" James 3:5 And because of that we are to control our tongues, that is, our speech, which is a sign of a mature believer. "*For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in **word**, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.*" James 3:2

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**Fierce** – ἀνημεροί, *anemeroi*. The word comes from *a* – not, and *hemeros* – gentle. It denoted the idea of that which is wild, brutal, savage, not tamed denoting what is wild and savage and also the idea of merciless. Epictetus described those who forget God as their Creator as resembling lions; they are wild and savage. Often soldiers act like this in combat; and certain primitive tribes tended toward savagery. In ancient times, and I would imagine even today, soldiers would let their beards and hair grow long so they could give a **lionlike** appearance to their enemy, so as to portray themselves as being fierce and savage, hoping to strike fear in their enemies. “*And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two lionlike men of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow:*” 2 Samuel 23:20

The *anemeroi* type of people, even though they are human beings, act like animals. Actually they act **worse** than animals, because animals do not torture their prey, or prolong its death so they can get some sadistic pleasure out of it. It only wants to kill its prey so it can eat. While these types are worse than soulless beasts; they get pleasure out of tormenting their victims. These traits are found in people who are classified as sociopaths, or psychopaths.

Part of growing up on earth is learning that you are not the only person on the planet whose life matters. And as such we all need to learn from childhood on to be considerate of other people, which is the opposite of narcissism. We are to be considerate of other people, their property and their norms and standards; this needs to be taught and reinforced in the home by the parents. It's learning to exercise manners and treating other people and their property with respect. But child-centered parents don't do this. To them their child can do no wrong and they are very defensive of him, even when he's done wrong. So when he leaves home, he's a self-centered little narcissist whose existence is the only thing that matters and other people mean nothing to him.

Our previous word, *akrateis*, without **self-control**, is like a child flailing about throwing a temper tantrum, when he or she doesn't get their way. They have no self control because they want what they want, but are denied having their way in something. *Akrateis*, no self control, will end up becoming, *anemeros*, **brutal, wild, savage**, if not checked somewhere along the way.

**Despisers of those that are good** - ἀφιλαγαθοί, *aphilagathoi*. This word comes from a compound of three words: a - not, philos – love, agathos – good. The word *agathos* not only speaks of that which is intrinsically good, but beneficial in its effect, that is, it's good for you. And the **good** mentioned here is that which is good as defined by God.

The NIV has it as, “*not lovers of the good*”, which gets into the more objective concept of not loving that which is good in life, as compared to the KJV's version “*despisers of those that are good*”, which gets into a more subjective element of looking at people. One looks at not loving **those things** in life that are good and beneficial, while the other looks at not loving **those people** who are good.

People today are becoming less and less interested in what is good for them, rather they are becoming more obsessed with what is fun, pleasurable, or anything that gratifies their lusts! When it comes to food, people are basically only interested in gratifying a desire for stimulants, rather than eating food that is good for them. When it comes to occupying their minds, they only look for books, or TV programs that stimulate their senses, or gratify one of their many lusts, instead of occupying their minds with information that is uplifting, positive and virtuous. (Now there's a word that has almost disappeared from the American culture). And the one thing that most don't want is that which is good and beneficial; the one thing they don't want that benefits their souls is Bible Doctrine!

And it stands to reason is that if people don't love that which is good and beneficial in their lives, then they don't love God! God is the ultimate of that which is good and that which is beneficial to us in life. And why don't they love God and love that which is good? Because, as we have seen in the passage, they love themselves! "*For men shall be lovers of their own selves,*" 2 Timothy 3:2 "*Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;*" 2 Timothy 3:4

Now there has always been this type of people in every society throughout history, but the prophecy tells us that this will be a characteristic theme of those living at the end of the Church Age. We will be overrun by these types and the problem is when they get into the circles of power in government and the military, then we will have these types of people ruling the governments of the countries Christians are living in, as we have going on in America. It is these types, because they hate that which is good, that will try to take our freedoms away and replace them with a tyranny that they control.

#### D. The characteristics of people in the last days. v.4

"*Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;*" 2 Timothy 3:4 - προδοται προπετεις τετυφωμενοι φιληδονοι μαλλον η φιλοθεοι

**Traitors** - προδοται, *prodotai*. It is the opposite of loyalty. The KJV translates it as being a traitor, which is true, but usually that word is reserved for betraying one's country. The NIV translates it as **treacherous**, which would be the preferred translation because it speaks of betraying a trust in a general sense, or for any category.

The main categories where it would be found are: one's nation, your marriage, your business partners, one's family, one's circle of friends, in the military and the church one attends. In every relationship there is always a certain level of trust that goes on between individuals. In the government and the military it is required that everyone swear an oath to uphold and defend the country from all enemies foreign and domestic. To not do so is treason punishable by death!

The ultimate act of betrayal was performed by Judas Iscariot, who turned him over to the authorities, (which gives an idea of what betrayal is all about), for 30 pieces of silver. "*And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.*" Luke 6:16 But Stephen laid the act of betrayal at the feet of Israel itself because they had a choice to set free the thief or the Lord, but they chose the thief! "*Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:*" Acts 7:52

David had to deal with this problem all the time when he was a king. How do I know that I know that I can trust them? Will they betray my throne and rule? Will they betray my trust as a friend? He knew that money and power always attracted the disloyal, those who had their own selfish agendas. He knew that people would say anything and do anything to get close to the positions of power and money. So, how can I trust them?

He was quite familiar with **friends** who betrayed him. "*Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted (batach – to dwell securely because of one's trust), which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.*" Psalms 41:9 He even had a son, **Absalom**, who betrayed him! "*And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left.*" 2 Samuel 13:30 **#08 11-1-15** #09

This too will be a worldwide phenomenon in the Last Days where people will betray one's trust and turn them into the authorities. Even in a man's own house will this occur! *"The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law."* Luke 12:53

It dovetails with the previous word **false accusers**, *diaboloï*, in verse three, which had the idea of **informants** where people inform on others to the authorities. Betrayal of friendships, betrayal of husbands and wives, betrayal of the parents by the children and children by the parents will be the norm in those days. Even in the areas where you would think there is a protection of that trust between individuals, the home, even in the family environment parents will betray their children and children their parents to the New World Order authorities.

The book "1984" written by George Orwell talked about "Big Brother" watching you. A must read that gives us insight into this evil phenomena. The technological platform, which will enable all this to take place has already been set in place by the US and other European nations, through the spying on all personal data, along with spying on the individuals themselves through cameras.

There are cameras spying on the American people on the freeways, at intersections, at highways, in every store, outside the store, in the parking lots, in schools, in parks, even in remote areas in the wilderness; and what they miss satellites are spying on everyone. But they can't see everything, so they rely on others to **inform** on people to the government.

In verse three we had **false accusers**, *diaboloï*, and in verse four we had **traitors**, *prodotai*, which is the opposite of loyalty. The KJV has it as being a **traitor**, which is true, but usually that word is reserved for betraying one's country, while the NIV translated it as **treacherous**, which would be the preferred translation because it speaks of betraying a trust in a general sense, or for any category.

Christ told the Church in Matthew 10:34-36, *"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household."* The word for **foes** here is *echthros*, which meant **enemies**. Not somebody else's household will be against him, but his **own** household, his own family.

**There are several terms involved that need to be understood:**

**To spy** – *kataskopeo* was to watch someone's actions to find out if they're doing something "wrong" with the intent of reporting their findings to a superior, or to an authority generally with the view of some kind of reward in mind. The reward could be for personal praise, public acknowledgement, some kind of personal revenge, financial gain, or a promotion. *"And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:"* Galatians 2:4

**To inform** – *diaballo* was to bring out true or false statements to the authorities about someone with the intent of getting him in trouble. It was used of someone who reported a steward to his master that he had been wasting his goods. *"And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods."* Luke 16:1 But it was a term that was generally used for turning someone in to the authorities.



**Informant** – *diabolos*, the noun, referred to an individual who held that capacity of spying on a group that they had infiltrated for the purpose of reporting their findings to the authorities. Oftentimes these individuals work for the group that they are reporting to, or they are being compensated for doing so, as we had with Judas, who was paid 30 pieces of silver.

**Accuser** – *kategoros*, or *kategoreo* the verb, brings in a more formal setting of accusing someone in a court of law. They could bring in true charges, or false charges against someone for the purpose of seeing them convicted. It was their way of getting back at someone using revenge tactics, only they are using the courts to hurt the other person. Satan accuses us constantly before God's throne. "*And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the **accuser** of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*" Revelations 12:10

**To betray** – *prodotai* had the idea of betraying a trust, or a position of trust. It was used of Judas Iscariot who betrayed the Lord Jesus. "*And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.*" Luke 6:16 "*Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.*" Matthew 6:16 The word for **betray** here is *paradidomi*, which meant to hand someone over, is betrayal. The nation of Israel was found guilty of betraying the Lord as well. "*Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the **betrayers** and murderers:*" Acts 7:52

**To entrap** is where one is in a position of trust and tries to get those he is with, who are trusting in his loyalty to the group, to do something wrong, or to get them to do anything of substance that he can report to his superiors. He now takes over the role of Satan in being a Tempter or a Suggester. He tempts them by making a suggestion to do something wrong.

**To hand over** – *paradidomi* looks at the action of literally handing someone over to the authorities, as Judas did with the Lord and he did it with a **kiss**! "*But Jesus said unto him, Judas, **betrayest** thou the Son of man with a kiss?*" Luke 22:48 In this act of handing the Lord over to the authorities included the ideas of **betrayal** and being an **informant**.

Why bring this all out? Because this changes the whole dynamic of what was going on in John 6:70, "*Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil (diabolos)?*" And from our understanding of *diabolos* we saw that it meant informant. So we have, *Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is an **informant**?*

Now the word **spy** is often used in military applications and industrial espionage, but the word **informant** is the word of choice in religious or governmental applications. Other terms used with it are: confidential informant, paid informant, deep cover, mole, etc.. What makes an **informant** different than an **accuser** is that an accuser will formally bring charges against someone in a court of law, while an informant can be brought forth to accuse an individual. The other thing is an **informant** will have been in a position of trust and betrayed that trust, while an **accuser** may or may not have been.

Mark 14:10 shows that Judas went to the chief priests for the purpose of cutting a deal with them. "*And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to **betray** (paradidomi – to hand over) him unto them.*" The passage has the use of *hina* plus the subjunctive mood of to **hand over**, which shows that Judas went to the chief priests for the sole purpose of handing him over to the authorities. Another question is was money his sole reason for doing so?

Matthew 26:14-16 covers the event where Judas went to the chief priests to ask how much they would give him for handing the Lord over to them. “*Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, **went** unto the chief priests, And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.*” The word for **went** is the orist passive participle of *poreuomai*, which was used of someone going on a journey for the purpose of conducting business. By the way, everyone talks about Judas, but the priests paid for it, so they were responsible as well.

The present active participle of *paradidomi* in Matthew 26:25 denotes that Judas was betraying him all along. “*Then Judas, which **betrayed** him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.*” The present passive participle in Matthew 26:45 shows that it was happening right now. “*Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is **betrayed** into the hands of sinners.*” In Matthew 26:48 it shows that Judas betrayed him with a kiss, the greeting of a friend. “*Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall **kiss**, that same is he: hold him fast.*”

In Matthew 27:3 Judas **felt sorry** about what he had done and went back to the priests to return the money, which is a an act of human good trying to atone for one’s sins. The word for **repent** used here is not *metanoeo*, but *metamelomai*, which meant to regret one’s actions. “*Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,*”

In Matthew 26:49 Judas addressed the Lord as, not master as the KJV has it, but **Rabbi**. “*And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, **master**; and kissed him.*” This shows that Judas never regarded him as his Lord, or Savior, but only as a teacher.

Luke 6:16 tells us, because of the use of the orist active indicative of the word *ginomai* for **was**, which denoted a change of condition, or to become something, that Judas **became** a traitor. “*And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also **was** the traitor.*”

Luke 22:3-5 gets into the event of **Satan** personally entering into Judas after which he went back to the chief priests and discussed the how, when and where he would hand the Lord over to them. “*Then **entered Satan into Judas** surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money.*”

Luke 22:47,48 cover the open betrayal again, but with a kiss to pass himself off as being a friend. It’s like he’s saying that he studies under him; he’s in the inner circle, in fact, he’s a good friend of the Lord. “*And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?”*

John 6:70,71 bring out the fact that Judas is not only an **informant**, but a **betrayed** as well; an informant that he had chosen, but also a betrayer because he had betrayed a trust among the group. “*Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a **devil (an informant)**? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should **betray** him, being one of the twelve.*” John 13:11 reveals that **Judas had not been cleansed from his sins**. “*For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, **Ye are not all clean.***” #09 11-08-15 #10

Judas was a paid informant working for the religious authorities. He posed as a believer in Christ while he was working with the disciples; he was among them, but not one of them. All during the time that he sat under the teaching of the Lord, he had never believed on him to get saved. He had gained the trust of the other eleven, for after all, he was “one” of them, or so they thought. Judas was not only a traitor, his acts were treacherous, but he was also a betrayer in that he betrayed the trust of the eleven and he betrayed Jesus over to the religious authorities. Judas was not only an **unbeliever**, an **informant** and a **betray**er, he was also a **poser** in that he **posed** himself as a Christian; he posed as a friend, but he was neither. How many are there today in churches who **pose** as Christians and friends, but aren't?

**Heady** - προπετεις, *propeteis*. The word carries with it the ideas of being heady, rash, or headstrong; it comes from the idea of falling forward, or reckless, thoughtless action. It's to act impulsively, or thoughtlessly without thinking things through. It describes the act of doing something wrong, harmful, or foolish without taking thought about what one is doing and its potential consequences.

The only other place it is found is in Acts 19:36 where the townspeople in Ephesus tried to keep the enraged mob from doing something rash with the Apostle Paul. “*Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.*” Which also describes the “mob mentality”, which can be found anywhere in the world where people’s emotions are inflamed and they go out killing and destroying.

Here the emotion that was aroused was anger because Paul had done something that intruded on their worship of Diana. We see this phenomenon going on in Muslims, who worship Allah. If anyone says anything about Allah or their prophet Mohamed, then Muslims all over the world are aroused to anger and want to kill the infidel.

But that’s just one example of the word in a narrow interpretation, while the word itself refers to any rash, impulsive, foolish, reckless, or irresponsible behavior; and certainly any type of reckless behavior that poses a threat to one’s life or limb, this type of behavior is found in every walk of life and in just about any situation that you can imagine by the American people, Christians included. We often refer to the things these people do as “**foolhardy**”.

God has granted free will to all men, but he holds them solely responsible for the consequences of their decisions. This tells us in an overall generalization that we need to make our decisions based upon the reasoning process of the mind, not upon the impulses of our lusts, or emotions. But better yet for Christians, we are to base our decisions on what the Word of God teaches, not upon our lusts, emotions, or even upon the thinking process of the mind. And not only based upon doctrinal principles, but also on **the leading of the Lord**. We should always seek God’s counsel in our lives when making a decision. “*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*” Proverbs 3:5,6 “**There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.**” Proverbs 19:21

This matter of the believer in Christ basing his/her decisions upon what the Bible teaches and also seeking the leading of the Lord in the matter is so clearly brought out in Psalms 25:12, “*What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.*” “*Who, then, are those who fear the LORD? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.*” NIV Good decisions will bring out good consequences in life, but bad decisions can only bring about bad consequences. The wise believer wants to have a life of good things, which can only come about as the result of making good decisions, so they base their decisions on Bible Doctrine and the Lord’s counsel!

**Highminded** - τευφόμενοι, *tetuphomenoi*. Here we have the perfect passive participle of *tuphoō*, which has the idea of “blowing smoke”. It begins with an individual, who does not possess the education, training, personal capacity, or humility that would qualify them to function in a position they have been put into. They’re conceited; they overrate their abilities. But there are all kinds of people who have experienced this situation in life, some have humility and teachability and they go on to rise to meet the challenge. While other’s, who are proud, a different dynamic takes place in them.

That’s how it begins, but with those who are prideful, they begin to figure that **because they** are there, because **they** hold this position, then **they** must be something! They really don’t possess the knowledge, or training, or education, or personal experience that has been tried and tested to qualify them for this position, but because they are holding this position, then they begin to think that they must really be something, for after all, why else would they be there? [Preferential hiring and schools based on race.]

The perfect passive participle denotes this downward progression in their thinking, in that, it began at a point in time and that would be when they occupied the position, then it developed in them over a period of time as they held this position, and got to the point that this thinking was firmly embedded in their minds to the place of becoming a permanent condition. At this point it would be next to impossible for them to admit the truth about themselves. [Preferential hiring and schools based on sex.]

Usually when God places a man in a position of responsibility or leadership, most of these men will feel that it is way beyond them to handle it. Even Moses felt that way when God called him to lead Israel. But here’s the difference; the proud believer will begin to think he’s something and somehow deserves to be there and can handle it; while the humble man will admit that this is all above his head, so he constantly goes to God for wisdom and strength.

Even Satan was lifted up by his beauty and strength, somehow forgetting the fact that God gave him the beauty and placed him in his position in heaven. *“Thine heart was lifted up because of thy **beauty**, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.”* Ezekiel 28:17

We must never forget that it is God who promotes us to our positions of rule, or leadership, and even to the **prosperity** he gives us! It is he, who does this in his **grace**, and not because of anything we are in our persons, or in what we have done in life. Israel forgot this principle of doctrine, for they turned away from the lord as the years went by mistakenly thinking that they had brought about all the prosperity they had because of who they were, or because what they had done. They forgot God’s admonition in Deuteronomy 8:17,18, *“And thou say in thine heart, **My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.** But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is **he that giveth thee power to get wealth**, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.”* Job 36:11 *“If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in **prosperity**, and their years in pleasures.”*

This type of pride occurs in individuals who: 1) get promoted too quickly, 2) or placed in a position above others beyond their capacity, 3) or find themselves in these positions without the qualifications to handle them, 4) or who had not gone through a process of humbling before they took over the position. It matters not if they were appointed to the position, or elected, or hustled to get it, if they lack the proper background, education and training, or if they **lack true grace humility**, and if there is any negative volition and pride, then they will become conceited thinking it’s all about them as the reason why they are in that place. **A believer must possess true grace humility in this area. #10 11-15-15**

**Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God** - *philedonoi mallon he philotheoi*. This word is a compound of two words: *philos* – to love, and *hedone* – pleasure. **Hedone** is the gratification of the natural senses from *hedus*, that which is sweet to the taste, delightful, or pleasant to one or more of the five senses of the flesh nature. The **hedonist** is one who loves pleasure, or one who is given over to it.

This is not about enjoying our creature comforts, good food, nice music, being comfortable, etc., for God has given us all things to enjoy. “*Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;*” 1 Timothy 6:17 It denotes **a life given over to pleasure and ease.**

A lover of pleasure is one whose life is primarily concerned with the gratification of his fleshly senses and sensual desires. Whatever brings the individual pleasure that he pursues after. Whether it is skiing, golfing, boating, fishing, hunting, music, food, drinking, fun, sex, entertainment, shopping, carousing around; whatever is pleasing to his flesh nature that's what he loves and goes after.

Now some of these are legitimate and some aren't, but that's not the issue with hedonism. The lover of pleasure is only interested in what brings him pleasure in life. God, people, commitments don't really come into play because he is only interested in himself, in self-gratification. And why wouldn't he? He is a lover of himself! He or she is a **narcissist** who is self-absorbed! Which is the first thing we saw at the beginning of the list that the people living in the Last Days will be narcissists!

**More than, or rather than** is *mallon*. *Mallon* should be used not in the sense of comparison where one thing is better than, or preferable to another thing, but in the sense of **instead of** where one is doing something instead of doing something else. In other words they should be loving God instead of loving their pleasures. But this stands to reason for if they love themselves, as we have introduced as the first problem in the passage, then they will love pleasure.

**Lovers of God** is *philotheoi*. Now in many of the things that the hedonist pursues after there is nothing sinful about them. There is nothing wrong or sinful about enjoying fine cuisine, or listening to good music, or being in a hot tub, or getting a good massage. The problem lies in that they love these things instead of loving God! The gratification of their desire for pleasure is the driving force in their life, not the desire to get to know God. Love him and serve him.

The Bible tells us that we are to love God with all our heart and soul. “*And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.*” Mark 12:30 And that Christ is to be our first love. “*Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast **left thy first love.***” Revelations 2:4 But all too often God's people start loving the things of the world and the flesh. “*Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship (*philia*) of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a **friend** (*philos*) of the world is the enemy of God.*” James 4:4

The second problem in the passage, as we have seen, is that they are **covetous**; actually it says they **love money**, *philarguros* – lovers of silver, or lovers of money. And why? Because money enables them to buy the things that bring them pleasure!

Well anyway you look at it we are all going to have to stand before God to be judged by the decisions that we make in this life and the truth will be made known. So we need to get this problem corrected in this life, if this is speaking of us, before we go to meet the Lord!

## E. Avoiding negative people. v.5

“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” 2 Timothy 3:5 - εχοντες μορφωσιν ευσεβειας την δε δυναμιν αυτης ηρημενοι και τουτους αποτρεπου

Now there are several references in the NT for believers to avoid the wrong kind of person, whether they are believers or not, friends or not, love interests or not, or family or not:

Romans 16:17 - “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and **avoid** them.” The word for **avoid** is the present active imperative, which has the idea of leaning away from, to shun, to avoid. And we want to notice that it is in the present imperative mood, which denotes an ongoing command in our lives. We are to **shun** all those who cause divisions in the church and who are anti-doctrinal.

1 Corinthians 5:10,11 - “Not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. But now I am writing to you that you must not **associate** with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.” The word for **associate** is the present active infinitive of *sunanamignumi*, which denoted the idea of mingling with, associating with, or socializing with. Paul is writing to them for the purpose that these believers will not socialize with these types, not even eat with them.

2 Corinthians 6:14, “Be ye not **unequally yoked together** with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?” The word for **unequally yoked** is the present active participle of *heterozugeo*, which has the idea of two different species hooked together in the same yoke. This is a practice that is not allowed and it refers to believers being yoked together by contract, marriage, or friendship with unbelievers.

2 Corinthians 6:17, “Wherefore **come out from among them**, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,” To **come out** is the aurist active imperative of *exerchomai*, which has the idea of leaving something that one is presently in and getting away from it. The aurist imperative is not only a command, but a command to start doing something they are not presently doing. And the active voice shows the **responsibility** of the believer in Christ to obey.

2 Corinthians 6:17, “Wherefore **come out from among them**, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,” And **be ye separate** is the present middle imperative of *aphorizo*. *Aphorizo* meant to be set apart, or to separate oneself from other people. We first **come out** of them, which **separates** ourselves from them, then we are to **remain** in that separated state. The present imperative is an ongoing command where we are commanded to remain separated from those kind of people; and in the middle voice it tells us that we will be benefited by the action. Some of the benefits are: 1) we will not be disciplined by God; 2) we will be able to enjoy the grace prosperity God has for us; 3) the condition of our soul will not deteriorate; and 4) we will be able to maintain living life in the spiritual life dynamic, or the dynasphere of the Holy Spirit. **#11 11-22-15**

**#12**

2 Thessalonians 3:6, “Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye **withdraw yourselves from** every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.” To **withdraw** is the present middle infinitive of *stello*, which meant to abstain from, or withdraw oneself from socializing with certain people.

2 Thessalonians 3:14, “And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.” Here we have the present middle infinitive of *sunanamignumi*, which we had before, and it denoted the idea of mingling with, associating with, or socializing with other people. This tells us that we are **not** to associate with those believers in Christ who refuse to apply Bible Doctrine to their lives. And in the middle voice, like the preceding verses, it tells us that we will be **benefited** by doing so.

Titus 3:10, “A man that is an **heretick** after the first and second **admonition reject**;” To **reject** is the present middle imperative of *paraiteomai*, which meant to **decline, shun, or reject**. An **heretick** is one who causes factions and splits in the church. It begins with their personal pride, a sense of self righteousness, (they're right), a rejection of authority coupled with their negative volition toward Bible Doctrine, or to some particular doctrine that the Pastor teaches. They then go out to seek others in the church to join their point of view until they have a church split, or the destruction of a local church altogether. They are following the same pattern that Lucifer did when he led the 1/3 away from God. We are **commanded** here, and note it is a command, to not just avoid them, but to **shun** them! And in the middle voice we will be benefited by the action. We also want to note that they are to only be given at the max **two** admonitions, which is a mild rebuke. Not three or four, not work with them to get them to see the error of their way, but a maximum of two mild rebukes and then **shun** them!

2 Timothy 3:5, “Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such **turn away**.” And our passage here, which has the present middle imperative of *apostrophe* meaning to turn away from. “Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof:” - *echontes morphosin eusebeias ten de dunamin autes ernemenoi*. The word **having** is the present active participle of **echo**, which means to possess something and it tells us that these types do have a “form” of godliness; not the real thing, but a form of it, which gets into the idea of what is going on inside of them.

When we get into the idea of *morphe* we are talking about the inner essence of something, which we are not able to see because it is taking place on the inside. What we do have, though, is that the inner essence should be indicated by the outward form or expression. This is supposed to follow that. For example the white-washed sepulchres of Matthew 23:27, “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.” Outside they appeared to be white, reflecting the idea of purity, so it would follow if that's the case, then the inside *morphe* would be white also! Instead they were full of dead men's bones.

The word for **godliness** is *eusebeias* and it denotes an inner spiritual life dynamic going on, but with these types whatever “spiritual life” they have going on inside of them is **not** the true spiritual life of the filling of the Holy Spirit, the metabolization of Bible Doctrine by faith, all taking place within a new nature that has been created by God. There is something “spiritual” taking place inside of them, but it's not the true spiritual life God gives to his people, even though they may claim it to be!

So what they really possess is a false or **fake** spiritual life! Which should not surprise us because faking something is found as one of the problems in Christianity today. There were **false brethren**, Galatians 2:4, “And that because of **false brethren** unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:” **false apostles**, 2 Corinthians 11:13, “For such are **false apostles**, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.”

There is also a **fake love**, or a false Christian love also, true Christian love, *agape*, is brought about by the filling of the Holy Spirit. They don't have it, so they have to fake it! The word for **unfeigned** is not hypocritical, which is nothing more than them wearing a mask pretending they have whatever it is being talked about. "2 Corinthians 6:6, "By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by **love unfeigned**," 1 Peter 1:22, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto **unfeigned love of the brethren**, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:"

There is also a **faked faith**. 1 Timothy 1:5, "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of **faith unfeigned**:" 2 Timothy 1:5, "When I call to remembrance the **unfeigned faith** that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." So it stands to reason **if there are false brethren, false apostles, a false love and false faith, then it easy to see that they would have a false or fake spiritual life!** The tongues movement today would be a good example of that, and so would the ritualism and formalism of Catholicism and Modernism.

"But denying the power thereof:" - *ten dunamin autes ernemenoi* To **deny** is the perfect passive participle of *arneomai*. The power of inner godliness, the power of the true inner spiritual life dynamic, is the filling and power of the true Holy Spirit, which takes place within the sphere of faith in the Word of God inside the new nature created in us by God. That's the true spiritual dynamic, it was created by God and anything else other than that is a fake!

When we look at **true love** versus faked love, which both Peter and Paul talked about, the activity of what is on the inside should be manifested to the outside. This is what the form, or *morphosis*, is all about. True love is patient, kind, doesn't envy, not proud, not puffed up, doesn't behave improperly, not selfish, isn't easily provoked, isn't evil in its thinking, doesn't rejoice in evil, but rejoices with Bible doctrine, etc.. 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 **#12 11-29-15**

### **#13**

And if the true spiritual life is taking place inside the believer's soul, then you will see the manifestation of the various fruits of the Spirit, and you will see that believer applying the fruits of the Spirit and the doctrines of God's Word to their lives, which is what the idea of **godliness** is all about. But we do not see that in this passage with these kinds of people, instead what we see are all these negative sinful concepts of verses 2-4. This tells us that there is no true inner spiritual life in their souls. "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Mathew 7:20 The fruit tells us what kind a tree it is.

The word for **deny** is the perfect passive participle of *arneomai*. Now *arneomai* is usually thought of as the opposite of confession, which is true, but its overall meaning denotes a negative attitude toward a concept or person followed by a rejection of it. So what this tells us is that these people were negative to Bible Doctrine and the true spiritual life dynamic and rejected it. And at the same time, knowing that something was lacking inside them, they come up with their **own** inner *spiritual* dynamic and religious activity; and that usually along the line of the religious group they are a part of.

Their religious group denoting their religious affiliation could be: modernism, ritualism, legalism, Pentecostalism, charismatics, mega-churches, programism, emotionalism, entertainmentism, which all claim to have the true "spiritual life". The outward dynamic going on inside these groups would be the manifestation, or *morphosis*, of an inner spiritual dynamic going on inside of them.

But Paul says these things are phony because they have rejected the true power of the true spiritual life, which consists of the true filling of the true Holy Spirit, who operates in the sphere of faith in the Word



of God. There are groups that pose as Christian churches, but aren't because they do not present an accurate gospel of how to be saved, which is faith alone in Christ alone with Christ accomplishing everything we need in his death, burial and resurrection to have our sins forgiven and to get right with God. These groups always have to add something to that, which is what makes them false.

There are other churches that do present an accurate gospel of how to be saved, which is "*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved*", but are totally off on how to live the spiritual life after they are saved. They will run the gamut of tabooism – touch not, taste not, handle not, to legalism, to getting them involved in the programs of their church, to entertaining them, or getting into the just outright and bizarre things you see going on in so many churches today.

The only true spiritual life, which God created for us in his grace, is found living in the new nature he created in us at the moment of our salvation; and living in the true filling of the true Holy Spirit, who indwelt us at the moment of our salvation; and all of this takes place when we live in the sphere of faith in the Word of God, which Word he provides for us in his grace and which faith he also provides for us in his grace, which faith becomes activated from his Word.

Now sin comes from the Old Sin Nature resident in the flesh. Evil comes about when we replace anything, even if it's a good thing, for the doctrinal teaching of the Word of God. Being nice, human good concepts, works, slick church services, music, repetition of words and phrases, appealing to people's emotions and any other activity thought up of by man becomes evil when they replace doctrinal teaching. And without doctrinal teaching there is no true spiritual life dynamic, therefore no true spiritual expression in life, only the appearance of it. Meaning they will have a form of godliness, but deny the power of it.

The perfect passive participle of *arneomai* tells us that these believers had got into a practice of negative volition to Bible Doctrine and the true spiritual life at some point in time in their Christian life; they had remained negative to these concepts over a period of time, until they arrived at this becoming a permanent condition. Now the true spiritual life dynamic is missing inside of them, but to be able to appear that they have one they adopt a pseudo spiritual life, which we see much of today.

#13 1-03-16 #14

**From such turn away** - *kai toutous apotrepo* is the present middle imperative of *apotrepo*. Now we notice that this is in the present imperative, which is a command that we are to keep on doing, but in the middle voice it tells us that we will be benefited by doing so. We saw this middle voice used previously in God's instructions for us separating or avoiding certain kinds of people for in doing so we will be benefited by the action. As brought out before, **whatever God does for us, or whatever God wants us to do, will always be to our advantage or benefit**.

The power of **godliness**, *eusebeia*, comes from metabolizing Bible Doctrine by faith under the filling of the Holy Spirit, which we refer to as: 1) the spiritual life dynamic, 2) the divine dynasphere, or 3) the Spirit's dynasphere. The perfect passive participle tells us that these types have rejected either faith, the teaching of Bible Doctrine, or both and it has become a condition for them. These types have always existed and they exist now; we can't change them, nor are we responsible to change them. But we are responsible to deal with them according to how God commands us to deal with them and that's to turn away from them. You can translate this word as to turn away from them, or have nothing to do with them, either one describes the action quite well. The word is a compound of two words: *strepo* – to turn, and *apo* – away from. **The reason for this is to protect our souls!**

*Apotrepo* deals with two concepts. 1) it deals with the inner dynamic of turning one's soul away from this person; and 2) the practical side of avoiding them. When one turns their soul away from someone they are dissociating themselves internally from them, where, if you were close to them at one time, you now are going away from them. The rest is the matter of distancing oneself from them. And we need to remember, even though this may sound hard, it still benefits us in our walk with the Lord. How so? We avoid their negativity, their legalism, their anger, their false doctrine and so on.

### E. Silly women. v.6

“For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,” 2 Timothy 3:6 - εκ τουτων γαρ εισιν ‘οι ενδυνοντες εις τας οικιας και αιχμαλωτευοντες τα γυναικαρια σεσωρευμενα ‘αμαρτιας αγομενα επιθυμιας ποικιλαις.

**For of this sort** is *ek touton gar* is literally **out of these**, which is a reference to those that Paul had described earlier in the passage. Now it isn't saying that all Christians who are guilty of one or more of these 19 negative traits will end up in worming their way into people's houses, but that out of this group of people there will be some who do.

**Are they which creep into houses** – *eisin hoi endunontes eis tas οικιας*. The word **are** is the present active indicative of *eimi*; the word **creep** is the present active participle of *enduno*, which tells us what their practice in life is. Now the word *enduno* has been translated as to creep into, to worm their way in, to simply to enter into. What the word contains is the idea of **stealthiness**; not stealthiness of presence, like a thief, but **stealthiness of purpose!**

Now if we go back to the beginning of the passage we see that these believers had **become** like this; they didn't start out this way, but over the years of rejecting Bible Doctrine, grace, faith and the true spiritual life, they became this way. We also saw they had rejected the true spiritual life and had instead adopted a pseudo spirituality, which made them appear to be spiritual Christians, which was nothing more than a **cloak** they used to gain access into these people's homes and families! A cloak was the outer garment that men used so they could hide an assassin's dagger, or disappear into the night.

The word for **homes**, *οικιας*, was a figure of speech denoting the families who lived there. Now there were four ways that something or someone could get into the home. 1) decay in the structure, 2) doors left wide open, 3) openings in the integrity of the home, or 4) a door was opened to them. Here we have the idea that a door was opened to them. And the reason why is because those in the home did not feel there was any threat to them; and the reason why they believed that is because these types of people had passed themselves off as “spiritual Christians”! Now as to the reason why they believed that is because they had no doctrine! If they had doctrine, then they would have recognized them for what they were – **phonies!**

To keep from being deceived by these types and to prevent them from having access to our families; we need to ask some questions. Are they selfish, self-centered, self absorbed, narcissistic? Are they lovers of money, covetous, or hoarders? Are they braggarts? Do they manifest themselves above others? Do they put others down? Are they disobedient to their parents or have an authority problem? Are they unthankful and not gracious? Is there religious life or church centered around the Bible? Do they lack natural affection? Are they irreconcilable? Are they the types that inform on others? Do they lack self-control over their lives, bodies, or emotions? Are they the types that like to hurt others? If so, then we are to turn away from them. **#14 1-10-16** #15

**And lead captive silly women** – *kai aichmaloteuontes ta gunaikaria*. To **lead captive** is the present active participle of *aichmalotizo*, which meant to gain control over someone, or to take a prisoner captive in war. It tells us that one person has gained the upper hand over another person and now has control over them.

It's interesting that Paul, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, uses this word here to denote what is going on. One believer, who possesses one or more of these traits mentioned in v.1-5, has penetrated into the family life of another believer and gained the upper hand over them to one degree or another. This is usually accomplished by them coming across as having some form of **spiritual superiority** and now this person has not only gained access into the other believer's family life, but is now controlling and directing them in their spiritual life.

A warfare concept is brought out here by the use of the first word **creep**, *enduo*, and the second word **lead captive**, *aichmalotizo*. This idea of **creeping** into believers' homes (families) brings out the idea of the enemy coming into an encampment stealthily for the purposes of: 1) to avoid detection, or 2) to avoid them finding out their purpose. The second word to **lead captive**, *aichmalotizo*, tells us that they have conquered their target and are now leading them captive as prisoners of war.

In the types of believers who do this we would expect to see some of the following traits: self-centered, self-absorbed, false sense of humility, lovers of money, lovers of power, covetous, braggarts, put others down, have an authority problem, non grace, no true love for other people's souls, negative to things that are beneficial, vaunted egos, negative to Bible Doctrine, a pseudo spirituality and lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

Remember, with narcissists, which is what these people are, everything exists for the purpose of their egos and self-gratification. The more people they can get under their control, the bigger their egos get. The more influence they have over other believers and their families, the more ego gratification from their conquests; and if they can be benefited financially in the process, so much the better.

The word "**silly women**", *gunaikaria*, was an expression used in those days to refer to someone who was easily deceived. It was said that one who is easily deceived was a "silly woman" and nothing like a man. It denoted someone who would cause someone else to believe something that was not true in order to gain an advantage over them. The word was used of both men and women.

As to the reason why certain believers are deceived is because they do not have the wisdom and discernment that comes from Bible Doctrine; and the reason why they don't have Bible Doctrine is because they are either negative to doctrinal teaching, or have an authority problem, or both! And without doctrinal teaching they are under the control of their old sin natures and as the result are easily deceived because the element of sin in our human bodies deceives us! "*For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.*" Romans 7:11 Sin deceives!

**Laden with sins** – *sesoreumena hamartiais*. The word **laden** is the perfect passive participle of *soreuo* and it meant to heap, to pile things up, such as a large pile of stones. From this one now becomes overwhelmed by it. One area where you would see this concept is in a hoarder's house where they have accumulated so much junk that it's piled up sometimes almost to the ceilings. Sometimes we collect so many things in life that we've got junk and clutter in various places. We know we need to get it cleared out, but, as is so often the case, we are overwhelmed by it and will find ourselves saying something like, "I've got so much stuff now that I'm overwhelmed by it."

What they're laden down here with is **sins**. They have not learned how to live their lives in the filling of the Holy Spirit outside the control of their old sin nature, which knowledge they would have possessed if they had been under doctrine, but they rejected doctrine. And as the result they have gotten to the place where they are now overwhelmed by sins. Even in the area of hoarders we can find that there are problems they have never addressed in their emotions and in dealing with their lust patterns.

The perfect passive participle of *soreuo* tells us a lot. It tells us that they did not get to this place overnight, but was a process that went on over a long period of time until it got to the place of being completed in them, which is to say that this, now, has become a permanent condition! It's kind of a scary place to be in.

The passive voice tells us they received the action of the verb, loaded down, which gets into the idea that it is only the spiritual life dynamic, which God has provided to believers in his grace, which also consists of Bible Doctrine, faith and the filling of the Holy Spirit, that it is this spiritual life dynamic that **protects** the soul from the ravages of the sin nature. Take away the soul's protection and there is nothing to prevent these sins from ravaging the soul, or loading it down. "*Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;*" 1 Peter 2:11

**Led away with divers lusts**, – *agomena epithumiais poikilais*. To **lead away** is the present passive participle of *ago*, which tells us that they are constantly being led away by their many lusts and that it's a way of life for them. The passive voice tells us that they receive the action of the verb, which is **lusts**; their lusts are leading them away, which also tells us that they are not in control of their lives. They are not being led by the Holy Spirit in their lives, instead their sin nature, which is resident in the flesh of all of us, specifically the lust pattern, is the thing that is controlling their lives. Their lusts are leading them around in life, but they never arrive at the place of true satisfaction; they just keep leading them around from one lust to another. (**Gratification** – temporary feeling of happiness.)

The word for **lead** is *ago* and it meant to lead, or to bring and it had many usages: *anago* – to lead up; *apago* – to lead from; *eisago* – to lead into; *periago* – to lead around. But here with the simple *ago* we have to lead around telling us that these types have their lusts leading them around. Their lusts are in charge of them; they have no self-control; they are swayed, controlled, directed and led around in their life by their lusts going from one lust to the next never being satisfied, only gratified.

Now most Christians will deny this is happening to them because they are not involved in drugs, alcohol, etc., but what about all the other 25 various lusts? The lust for power, approval, socializing, money, ambition, crusaderism, revenge, criminal activity, stimulation, entertainment, love, happiness, fun, success, ease, pleasure, to be loved, for missed out on love, more things, wanderlust?

**Divers lusts** is *poikilais*, which meant a variety of something; not just one or two, but many different kinds. Some might lean toward sexual lusts, chemical lusts and entertainment lusts; while others might lean toward money, ambition and success; while others might lean toward materialism, covetousness, shopping and hoarding; and even others toward a life of ease and pleasure.

The only thing that protects believers from the activity of the flesh nature, which our lust pattern is a part of, is the filling of the Holy Spirit found in the sphere of the spiritual life dynamic, which consists of faith in the Word of God. But these types have rejected all that, so now they have no protection from the flesh nature, and they end up being controlled by their lusts and their emotions. Here the focus is on those believers who are controlled by their lusts! **#15 1-24-16** Pastor Mike