

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **2Timothy 3:1-9**.
- B. The list given by the apostle is of twenty items.
- C. Those who claim to be godly practice these things because they have not allowed themselves to come into contact with the power of Jesus.
- D. This is a picture of the world, and what happens when one tries to compromise living the pure Christian life.

I. THE FIRST EIGHT SINS (2TIM. 3:2).

- A. First, lover of self.
 - 1. We are to deny self and follow Christ (Lk. 9:23).
 - 2. A way that seems right to man is wrong (Prov. 14:12).
- B. Second, lover of money.
This is a root of all sorts of evil (1Tim. 6:10).
- C. Third, boastful.
 - 1. We are not important, only God (1Cor. 3:6-7).
 - 2. Our ego is to be crucified when becoming a Christian (Gal. 2:20).
- D. Fourth, arrogant (proud).
Do not think more highly than you ought (Rom. 12:3,16).
- E. Fifth, revilers (blasphemers).
Out of the same mouth should not come good and bad (Jas. 3:9-10).
- F. Sixth, disobedient to parents.
 - 1. A sin of atheism, creature worship (Rom. 1:30).
 - 2. Children are to obey and honor their parents (Eph. 6:1-3).
- G. Seventh, ungrateful (unthankful).
Give thanks for everything (Phil. 4:6).
- H. Eighth, unholy.
We are to come out of the world and be holy (2Cor. 6:14,17).

II. THE NEXT SIX SINS (TIM. 3:3).

- A. First, unloving (without natural affection).
God has built in natural loving tendencies (Rom. 1:26-27).
- B. Second, irreconcilable (trucebreakers).
Without peace among men no one sees the Lord (Heb. 12:11).
- C. Third, malicious gossips (false accusers).
Our speech needs to be seasoned with salt (Eph. 4:29).
- D. Fourth, without self-control (incontinent).
The fruit of the Spirit working can help control self (Gal. 5:23).
- E. Fifth, brutal (fierce).
The fruit of the Spirit is opposite of this (Gal. 5:19-21; 22-23).
- F. Sixth, haters of good (despisers of those that are good).
Christians hate what is evil, not who is evil (Rom. 12:6).

III. THE LAST SIX SINS (1TIM. 3:4-5).

- A. First, treacherous (traitors).
Judas is the prime example of one who 'burned for self-gratification.

- B. Second, reckless (heady).
Each part of the body must work together (Eph. 4:16).
- C. Third, conceited (high-minded).
This is the same, almost, as being boastful.
- D. Fourth, lovers of pleasure(s).
If we love the world, the love of God is not present (1Jn. 2:15).
- E. Fifth, not lovers of God.
Being friends with the world, is hatred of God (Jas. 4:4).
- F. Sixth, having a form of godliness but denying the power.
 - 1. Satan can have a form of godliness (2Cor. 11:14).
 - 2. The substance of all good things is in Christ (Col. 2:16-17).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. The last days are the Christian dispensation, not just the few days before the end of time (Christ's second coming).
- B. Our admonition is given in 2Tim. 3:5b with the example of Jannes and Jambres:
 - 1. Turn away from men and women like these.
 - 2. Realize their folly will be evident to all.
 - 3. They are rejected by God as being in the faith.
 - 4. In their present state of mind they cannot come to a knowledge of the truth.
- C. There is no future in a life such as this, it will be hard and it will end in death.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.