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- a. *"but thou"* – Timothy not as one of these powerless greedy ignorant corrupt fools.
 - i. Their folly shall be manifest, but there is no folly in following Paul's pattern.
- b. *"hast fully known"* – compare 'last days' to hast – 'folly' to fully – 'ever...never' to known
 - i. He already fully knew what was needed to be godly and perfect (2 Tim 3:5,3:17)
 - ii. A typical Christian thought is that God has not given them all they need.
- c. *"my"* – If not a chosen vessel, pattern, apostle – then Paul is just a venerated saint.
 - i. 'my gospel' 3x, 'given to me' 14x – Don't make this you, Paul is still the pattern
 - ii. What follows is the antidote to 'what men shall be' in 2 Tim 3:2-4
- d. *"doctrine"* – What prevents the powerless form that produces perilous times.
 - i. Always first in Paul's epistles - Rom 1:16, 2 Tim 3:16, Eph 1-3, Col 1-3, 2 Tim 1-2
 - ii. Sound doctrine *should* be a church priority – 1 Tim 4:6, 13, 16, Titus 1:9, 2:1, 2:7
- e. *"manner of life"* – Not his Jewish life, but new life – Ac 26:4, Rom, 1Th 1:5, 1Co 10:33, Phi 3
 - i. This is what happens in response to doctrinal truth working – Gal 2:14, 1Co 15:33
 - ii. Jesus was not a sinner, Paul was, his doctrine deals with sin in him - Rom 6-8
 - iii. Paul's pattern was not just in the gospel, but in his mind, heart, and life.
- f. *"purpose"* – God given Acts 26:16, 2 Tim 1:9, eternal Eph 3:11, spiritual 2 Cor 1:17, 9:7
 - i. The affection, orientation, goal of 1 Tim 2:4 is unique to this dispensation (Paul)
- g. *"faith"* – Faith of Christ, not works of the law – strong in faith - Rom 4:20, 1 Cor 16:13
- h. *"longsuffering"* – What Paul calls his was a fruit of the Spirit – Gal 5:22
 - i. Notice – this list is the antidote to what 'men shall be' through the power of God.
- i. *"charity"* - 22/29x is Pauline; 'bond of perfectness' – Col 3:14, excels over gifts – 1 Cor 13
- j. *"patience"* – Waiting in peace. Continuing with contentment. Quiet endurance.
 - i. It works hope – 1 Thess 1:3, Rom 5:3, 15:4
 - ii. Waiting for the will of God, growth, glory, justice 2 Tim 3:9, Christ.