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2 Timothy 3:1-9

# 2 Timothy

## Running the Race of Faith

Week 07

May 31, 2026

## Difficulty in the Church

Introduction & Review (*2 Timothy 2:20-21, 25-26*)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Difficulty (*2 Timothy 3:1, 5; Matthew 8:28, 24:21; John 16:33; 1 Peter 4:12; Acts 2:17; Hebrews 1:2*)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Difficulty

A. Evil \_\_\_\_\_ (*2 Timothy 3:2-5; 1 Timothy 6:10, 4:3, 1:4; Psalms 34:2; James 4:16; Judges 21:25; Leviticus 11:44; Isaiah 5:20; Philippians 3:19*)

**B. Evil \_\_\_\_\_** (2 Timothy 3:6-8; Exodus 7:12, 8:19)

**3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Difficulty** (2 Timothy 3:9)

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**Discussion Questions (2 Timothy 3:1-9)**

1. When Paul refers to “the last days” what does he mean? (2 Timothy 3:1; Acts 2:17; Hebrews 1:2)
2. Who are the people that Paul is describing in 2 Timothy 3:2-5? (2 Timothy 2:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:5-8) Discuss what these negative qualities mean and how they go together.
3. How might a person with many of the negative qualities described in 2 Timothy 3:2-4 still “have the appearance of godliness”? What is the power of godliness and why do these people deny it? (2 Timothy 3:5)
4. What does it mean how is it possible to “Avoid such people” if they are part of the church? (2 Timothy 3:5)
5. What were the actions of these false teachers and why did they focus on the “weak women”? (2 Timothy 3:6-7)
6. Who were Jannes and Jambres? (2 Timothy 2:8; Exodus 7:8-12, 20-22, 8:1-7) Why does Paul use them as an analogy of the false teachers?
7. After the negative description of the false teachers and the difficulty they cause. How does Paul encourage Timothy? (2 Timothy 3:9) How is this an encouragement to you in a world that continues to have false teachers?
8. In 2 Timothy 3:1, Paul began this section with the words “But understand this”. Why was it important that Timothy understood that evil people (false teachers) would cause difficulty in the church? Why is it important for us to understand this as well?