

## **Continuing in the Gospel in Difficult and Deceptive Times**

### **2 Timothy 3**

- 1. Recognize difficult times and religious pretenders. (vv.1-5a)**
- 2. Avoid religious pretenders. (vv.5b-9)**
  - a. What do they do?**  
**They creep in.**
  - b. Why avoid them?**  
**They lead sinners and weak Christians astray.**
  - c. Don't envy them!**  
**They are corrupt, disqualified from the faith and will not win!**
- 3. Follow faithful examples. (vv.10-13)**
- 4. Continue in the Gospel. (vv.14-17)**
  - a. Timothy knew his teachers.**
  - b. Timothy knew the source of Scripture.**
  - c. Timothy knew the usefulness of the Scriptures.**
    - Power to save.**
    - Power to sanctify.**