

## EVIL HAS AN EXPIRATION DATE 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9

### Evil Days are Ahead 2 Timothy 3:1

2 Timothy 3:1 – *“But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come.”*

- “Last Days” = The Church Age (AD 33 to present day)
- “Difficult Times” = also used in ancient Greek to describe wild animals, raging seas and demon-possessed men (Matthew 8:28)

### Evil Says, “It’s All About Me” 2 Timothy 3:2-7

2 Timothy 3:2 – *“For people will be lovers of self...”*

- 19 characteristics of selfish/sinful people
  - 2 Timothy 3:2-4 - Immoral conduct
  - 2 Timothy 3:5 - Superficial spirituality
  - 2 Timothy 3:6-7 - Abuse of others

### Evil Does Not Have the Final Say 2 Timothy 3:8-9

2 Timothy 3:9 – *“But they will not make further progress...”*

- 2 Timothy 3:8 - Case Study: Jannes and Jambres
  - Exodus 7:11-13; 22
- 2 Timothy 3:9 - Evil will be exposed and stopped
- Matthew 16:18 - *“...and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.”*
- 2 Timothy 4:18 - *“The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.”*

**Response:** Be expectant of difficult and evil days ahead but be encouraged, evil has an expiration date, so live a “counter-cultural” life surrendered to Jesus