

# *II Timothy*

## (7) Character of the Lord's Servant

2 Tim 2:22-3:5

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3 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. NIV

### **Timothy, you be like this...2:22-26**

What is the first *negative* Paul gives to Timothy at this point? 2:22a; ITim.6:9-11

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Instead, do what? 2:22b; ITim.2:8, 6:11; ICor.1:10

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What is Paul's next command? 2:23; ITim.1:4, 4:7, 6:4-5; IITim.2:14, 2:16, 3:9

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What, on the positive side, is to be the *character* of the Lord's servant? 2:24; ITim.3:2-3

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How should the Lord's servant respond to those opposing him? 2:25; Gal.6:1 Why? James 1:17

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Why has this happened (*believer* who has *doctrinal errors*)? 2:26; ITim.3:7; Titus 1:9

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### **But, Timothy, you mark this...3:1-5**

What prophetic warning is now given to Timothy? 3:1; ITim.4:1-3; IIThess.2:3-12

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Now, rather than '*unruly believers*', who is Paul warning about? 3:4b-5, 8

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What is their true *character*? 3:2a; Rom.15:1-3; IICor.5:15; Phil.2:21

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In this warning, what is the worst *action* of these *false believers*? 3:8; IJn.4:1; IIPet.2:1-3

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Additionally, what is their personality (behavior) like? 3:2-4; Rom.1:28-32; Jude 17-19

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### Timothy, you be like this...2:22-26

What is the first *negative* Paul gives to Timothy at this point? 2:22a; ITim.6:9-11

**Flee the evil desires of youth! Not just sexual but pride, arrogance, self-centeredness, etc.**

Instead, do what? 2:22b; ITim.2:8, 6:11; ICor.1:10

**Pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace along w/those w/pure heart. Fellowship there.**

What is Paul's next command? 2:23; ITim.1:4, 4:7, 6:4-5; ITim.2:14, 2:16, 3:9

**Avoid foolish and stupid arguments! (2:14, 16-17). No value, ruins those who listen!**

What, on the positive side, is to be the *character* of the Lord's servant? 2:24; ITim.3:2-3

**He must be kind to everyone, able to teach (Scriptural truth), patient when wronged.**

How should the Lord's servant respond to those opposing him? 2:25; Gal.6:1 Why? James 1:17

**He must gently instruct them, in the hope God will grant them repentance to the truth.**

Why has this happened (*believer* who has *doctrinal errors*)? 2:26; ITim.3:7; Titus 1:9

**They have been trapped by the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will! Wow...**

### But, Timothy, you mark this...3:1-5

What prophetic warning is now given to Timothy? 3:1; ITim.4:1-3; IIThess.2:3-12

**There will be terrible times in the last days (until the return of Christ). Worse and worse.**

Now, rather than '*unruly believers*', who is Paul warning about? 3:4b-5, 8

**Unbelievers. Lovers of pleasure rather than God, have appearance of godliness but...**

What is their true *character*? 3:2a; Rom.15:1-3; IICor.5:15; Phil.2:21

**They will be lovers of themselves! Prideful, and all the other traits in 3:2-5! Deadly indeed.**

In this warning, what is the worst *action* of these *false believers*? 3:8; IJn.4:1; IIPet.2:1-3

**Oppose the truth (false gospel), depraved minds, rejected as far as the faith is concerned.**

Additionally, what is their personality (behavior) like? 3:2-4; Rom.1:28-32; Jude 17-19

**Lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,**

**Without love, brutal, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure not God, etc...**