

**PERILOUS TIMES**

**2 Tim. 3:1-9**

**(I) A WARNING CONCERNING THE PERILOUS TIMES**

“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:...” 2 Tim. 3:1

1. It is a most dangerous time set in the last days
2. It is a time of apostasy  
“Now the Spirit expressly says that in the latter times some will depart from the faith” 1 Tim. 4:1
3. It is a time set within the context of the Church
4. It is a time that has become a reality today.

**(II) RECOGNISING THE KIND OF PERILS OF THESE TIMES**

1. Recognising the early signs of spiritual apostasy
  - a. Sinful Characteristics of loving self, not God  
“For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,...” 2 Tim. 3:2-3
  - b. Only a semblance of godliness  
“Having a form of godliness but denying its power.” 2 Tim. 3:5
  - c. Spiritual blindness  
“Always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” 2 Tim. 3:7
2. Recognising the deadliness of apostates
  - a. Taking captives of gullible women  
“For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,...” 2 Tim. 3:6
  - b. Resistance to spiritual leadership and truth  
“Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth:” 2 Tim. 3:8

### **(III) THE RESULTS THAT BEFALL APOSTATES IN THESE PERILOUS TIMES**

1. Corruption

“Men of corrupt minds,...” 2 Tim. 3:8

2. Rejected in the faith

“Disapproved concerning the faith;...” 2 Tim. 3:8

3. No progress

“But they will progress no further,...” 2 Tim. 3:9

4. Folly

“For their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.” 2 Tim. 3:9

### **(IV) OUR APPROPRIATE RESPONSES IN THESE PERILOUS TIMES**

1. Be aware that we are in perilous times

“But know this, that in the last days, perilous times will come:...” 2 Tim. 3:1

2. Watch out for apostates

“For their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.” 2 Tim. 3:5

3. Seek to correct them. 2 Tim. 2:24

4. If no response, do not associate with such people

“And from such people turn away!” 2 Tim. 3:5