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*Walk with me –  
Don't be led away!*

2 Timothy 3:1-9

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**1987**

**36 YEARS AGO!**

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

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# Latter Days 1

- ‘but...’ – ‘diligent’ ‘honor’
- You all need to know – hard times coming!
- ‘difficult’ – Gaderene demonics – cannot pass
- ‘last’ is often latter or just later
- Fantastic and unimaginable – like today!
- We cannot doubt - we must not despair!

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2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,

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3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious  
gossips, without self-control, brutal,  
haters of good,

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4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers  
of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

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5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

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# Like These 2-5

- 19 listed characteristics
- 17 are qualitative –
- ‘lovers of pleasure’
  - ‘rather than lovers of God’
- ‘holding a form of godliness’
  - ‘they have denied it power’

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“You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.” Psalm 16:11

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*“God is not proud. He will have us even though we have shown that we prefer everything else to Him.”*

*C.S. Lewis*

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6 For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses,

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# Led away 6

- “Also he speaks here of women rather than men, for they are more liable to be taken in by such impostors.” (Calvin)
- More likely to be taken by guilt (anger)
- More likely to be sensitive to opinions
- More likely to be pleasers – caring!

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*Sin is never nearer than  
when you think you are safe!  
'ask Cain'  
"...crouching at the door!"*

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7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, rejected in regard to the faith.

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9 But they will not make further progress;  
for their folly will be obvious to all, just  
as Jannes's and Jambres's folly was also.

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# Learning ... yet 7-9

- Know more – understand less?
- Are you learning? Are you growing?
- Facts do not necessarily produce faith

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# Learning ... yet 7-9

- Jannes and Jambres were two Egyptian magicians who in the presence of Pharaoh imitated the miracles of Aaron in order to destroy his influence with the king. Paul derived their names from the tradition of the Talmudists and the Rabbis – he was originally a Pharisee!

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*Gaspar – Melchior – Balthasar*  
*India – Persia – Ethiopia*  
*frankincense - gold - myrrh*



# Learning ... yet 7-9

- Are you learning? Are you growing?
- ‘form of godliness’ –
- ‘they will progress no further’ – why?
- Some wish nobility over humility!

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*“The essence of Gospel-humility  
is not thinking more of myself  
or thinking less of myself,  
it is thinking of myself less.”*

Tim Keller

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# What leads us away?

- ‘lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God’
- ‘having a form of godliness’
- Caring too much about opinions of others?
- Obsessed with learning – why?
- Scariest words! – ‘they will make no further progress’

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*“Pride must die in you or nothing  
of heaven can live in you.”*

Andrew Murray

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