

2TIMOTHY

3:1-9

1 But you should mark this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2 For people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unfeeling, unforgiving, slanderers, impulsive, savage, indifferent to what is good, 4 ruthless, reckless, bloated with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 maintaining a façade of godliness while denying its power. And so steer clear of these people! 6 For among them are those who worm their way into homes and prey on weak women—women loaded with sins and under the sway of all sorts of passions, 7 who are always being instructed but are incapable of getting a knowledge of the truth. 8 Just as Jannes and Jambres defied Moses, so these people—of corrupt thinking, rejects from the faith—also defy the truth. 9 However, they won't get very far, because, as in the case of those two men, their folly will become perfectly plain to everyone. ♦

Title:

Egos Gone Wild

ON BEING A RELIGIOUS JERK

Warning: we must not be surprised when _____ times come and we should be able to identify and _____ those who cause them.

Traits of those who menace the church:

1. They're _____ people (vs.5)
2. Their consuming focus is on _____:
 - on loving themselves
 - on loving money
 - on their image (boastful)
 - on their status (arrogant)
 - on their importance (bloated with conceit)
 - on loving pleasure
 - rather than loving God
3. They have a dozen resulting _____:
 - abusive
 - disobedient to parents
 - ungrateful
 - unholy
 - unfeeling
 - unforgiving
 - slanderers
 - impulsive
 - savage
 - indifferent to what is good
 - ruthless
 - reckless
4. They use their religion to get what they want from vulnerable people (6-9), showing that their core issue is a defiance of the _____.

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