





## **Three Hard Realities** *(but with a Happy Ending)*

- Terrible Times
- Terrible People
- Terrible Deception
- God Wins!





<sup>1</sup> But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.

**2 Tim 3:1**

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**Be ready. Don't be paranoid.**

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<sup>2</sup> People will be **lovers of themselves**, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—  
<sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power.

**2 Tim 3:5a**





**Sin pattern in the Bible:  
See >> Take**

**Based on lack of trust in God**





**Faith pattern in the Bible:  
Hear >> Follow**

**Based on total trust in God**





<sup>6</sup> They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires,  
<sup>7</sup> always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.

**2 Tim 3:6-7**

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**Freedom and empowerment  
of all God's people flourishes  
in environments of protective  
Biblical wisdom.**

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“Merely having an open mind is nothing. The object of opening the mind, as of opening the mouth, is to shut it again on something solid”

- G. K. Chesterton





<sup>9</sup> But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

**2 Tim 3:9**

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