

“Difficult Times Will Come”

Intro: The Apostle here _____ of the ever-present danger of false teachers while preparing us to recognize them and stop their progress. Here God the Holy Spirit _____ us so we may avoid those who seek to harm Christ’s church.

I. _____ Difficult Days!

A. The _____ is that we the church live in treacherous and deceptive times of difficulty for _____ teachings _____!

II. False teachers (and their like) are _____ as they are self-loving sinners.

A. Lovers of _____ wealth.

B. _____ who love to draw attention to themselves.

C. Arrogant souls who jealously desire the place of _____. These have an inflated view of themselves, thinking they are superior and irreplaceable.

D. Revilers who angrily and _____ belittling others. The word *reviler* is the same from which we get blasphemy. Since these feel free to blaspheme God they feel free to speak abusively, _____ others.

E. Insubordinate to parents. These have _____ for their own parents.

F. Ungrateful _____. Being selfishly discontent they are not thankful as nothing is ever enough nor good enough for them.

G. Secular and _____. These care neither for God nor His holiness, and thus have no concern for the purity of their life.

H. _____ natural _____. These are heartless toward their own families, and are willing to happily abandon faithful wives and beloved children so they may carry on their “work for God”.

I. _____ and caring not to be forgiven.

J. False _____. These purposefully speak of others so as to _____ their reputation.

K. Without self-control. These are _____.

L. _____ brutes! These treat others brutally, savagely _____, seeking to ruin and take from others so as to feed their own sinful desires.

M. _____ of good. What the man _____ ought to love these hate. They hate righteousness.

N. Treacherous. These _____ the trust, friendship and relationships of any and all (even family) so as to advance their own name and cause.

O. Rash and _____. Their teachings, ideas and plans are made in a _____ rush without concern for accuracy or of long term effect.

P. _____ with pride. Filled with _____. These place themselves on a pedestal so as to be admired by others.

Q. Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. These are _____-led (though they famously claim to be), but they are led by fleshly impulses. They deny God by refusing to deny their own _____.

R. They hold to a form of _____, although they have _____ its power.

III. _____ to Religious Renegades.

A. We must avoid false teachers by _____ them.

IV. False teachers seek to _____ weak women.

A. Paul speaks of weak women not to shame us but to shake us to _____. We must give ourselves to watching over weak women as our own dear sisters and precious daughters - and indeed over all the weak, caring for their souls. While the _____ must be _____ over and guarded, they must recognize their position of vulnerability. And by faith in Christ they must cry out to God! They must come to the knowledge of the truth of Christ, denying themselves, picking up their cross, following Jesus.

V. By this text we realize that false teachers are obviously _____ to Christ and His church.

A. As we _____ the _____ of this passage false teachers will be shut down, and will make no further progress in the church or the homes of the weak. To this we are called and equipped!

Closing: As we the church live in difficult days it is ours to _____ by recognizing false teachers, responding by turning away from them while watching over the weak and vulnerable among us. This obedience will ending the advance of those who are opposed to the truth of Christ.

This is our reasonable service of worship to God. As those who trust in Christ let us now determine to worship Him by caring for His church during these difficult times. And _____ will _____ leave us nor _____ us.