

The Patterns of Apostasy

The Conduct of the Corrupt; 2 Timothy 3:6-9 Chris Mueller 12-9-2018

Introduction:

6 For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 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. 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.

#1 The corrupt leader _____ the weak 6-7

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Jude 4 For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

1st weighed down with sins

2nd led on by various impulses

Commentator Perhaps the desire to find an easy way out of their guilt; the desire to gain recognition; the lust to be "well-informed;" the passion to satisfy their curiosity; the ego of needing the attention of a prominent man, all fuels their various impulse desires.

3rd always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth

1 Timothy 2:4 desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth

2 Timothy 2:25 grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth

Commentator If they have been reared in the church, they are especially susceptible to ideas that purport to be Christian. But their ignorance of Scripture and their sinful living make them utterly undiscerning and defenseless against unbiblical and ungodly principles. They are continually learning about everything except the knowledge of the truth.

Acts 20:29 I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock

#2 The corrupt leader _____ truth tellers 8a

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.

Exodus 7 and 8

1st The _____ for their opposition 8b

8b men of depraved mind, rejected in regard to the faith.

Romans 1:28+32 they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, 32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

2 Corinthians 13:5 Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?

2nd The _____ of their opposition 9

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Matthew 16:18 the gates of Hades shall not overpower

John 6:37 all that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out

Mark 13:22 false Christs and false prophets will arise, and will show signs and wonders, in order, if possible, to lead the elect astray

TAKE HOME

A. Love God's _____

B. Stand up for those who _____ the truth

C. Practice _____ biblically

D. Submit to Christ as _____

E. Build up the _____—don't take advantage of them

Thessalonians 5:14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

F. Loving Christ means loving the _____

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Why does Paul describe the character in 1-5 and the conduct in 6-9 of the false teachers and phony believers?
2. Why do some false teachers manipulate women? What is their goal?
3. Why do false teachers oppose God's truth and those who teach it?
4. How will false teachers ultimately be exposed as folly? When will that happen?
5. How should Christians live differently in light of the vast numbers of false teachers around them?
6. How can we show other believers and unbelievers that we are men and women of accurate biblical truth?
7. What three steps do you need to talk in order to be a beacon of TRUTH in the midst of this dark world?

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