



**“The Gospel and
the Pursuit of Excellence”
1 Timothy 4:1-10**



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1 But know this, that in the last days
perilous times will come:

2 For men will be lovers of themselves,
lovers of money, boasters, proud,
blasphemers, disobedient to parents,
unthankful, unholy,

3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without
self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of
pleasure rather than lovers of God,



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5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,

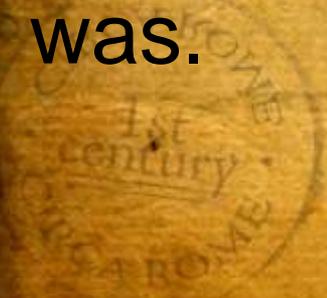
7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.



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8 Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;

9 but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.





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