

“Marriage and The Bible”
The Characteristics of the Last Days
II Timothy 3:1-7

Introduction- Marriage is hard because of *The Characteristics of The Last Days*. What will characterize the last days? One word, *perilous*, it’s literally difficult, dangerous. The only other place the word is found in the Bible is Matthew 8:28. It’s used to describe the two demoniacs of Gergesenes. It is translated “exceeding fierce.” The last days will be difficult, dangerous, and a demonically energized time. Satan will promote a perverted love!

I. Lovers of Themselves, vs. 2

- It’s self-centered, conceited and egotistical.
- The danger of being self-centered in marriage. Marriage is one of God’s tool’s to deliver us from self!
- Jesus said, “If any man come after me...”
- See Phil. 2:3-5
- Eph. 5:28-29

II. Lovers of Money, vs. 2

- Wealth does not bring contentment, vs. 6.
- Wealth is not lasting, vs. 7.
- Our basic needs are easily met, vs. 8.
- The love of money leads to sin, vv. 9-10.

So, what to do, vv. 11-12.

III. Without Family Love, vs. 3

- Satan hates Christian families!
- See I Tim. 4:1-3.

- Back to II. 3:3, “truce breakers” is “unforgiving” and “despiser of those that are good” they oppose goodness in any form.

IV. Lover’s of Pleasures Rather Than God, vs. 4

Personal pleasure is paramount in their lives. Our world today is seeking personal pleasure. This is a danger to your marriage!

They profess to be religious, vs. 5. It’s not a real relationship with God. Is your Christianity real?

Jesus said, “Thou shall love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind.”

“In this universe there is God, and there are ‘people’ and ‘things.’ We should worship God, love people, and use things. But if we start worshiping ourselves we will ignore God and start loving things and using people. This is the formula for a miserable life; yet it characterizes many people today. The worldwide craving for things is just one evidence that people’s hearts have turned away from God.” - Warren Wiersbe

The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart!