- A. Study Diligently (2:15)
 - 1. Study is the requirement Proverbs 2:2
 - 2. Seek approval from God 1 Thessalonians 4:1
 - 3. Support scripture
 - 2 Timothy 3:16

- **B. Shun Worldly Distractions (2:16-18)**
 - 1. Avoid fruitless talk (2:16) Ephesians 5:4
 - 2. Avoid false teachers (2:17) 1 Timothy 1:6-7
 - 3. Affirm the foundation of your faith (2:18) Matthew 7:26

- **C. Seek A Pure Life (2:19-22)**
 - 1. Founded and focused on God (2:19)
 - 1 Corinthians 3:13

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- C. Seek A Pure Life (2:19-22) continued
 - **2. Functional to God (2 20-21)**
 - a. Our choice to make (v 20)
 - b. A chance to minister (v 21)
 - 2 Timothy 2:21
 - c. Following God (2:22)
 - 1). Depart iniquity

Ephesians 5:3

James 4:8

2). Desire indwelling

Matthew 5:8

Psalm 51;10

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- D. Strive To Promote Godliness (2:23-26)
 - 1. Avoid strife (2:23-24)
 - a. The potential conflicts (v 23)

Titus 1:9

James 3:16

b. The proper conduct (v 24)

James 3:17-18

- D. Strive To Promote Godliness (2:23-26) continued
 - 2. Admonish in meekness (2:25-26)
 - a. So they will realize error (v 25) Galatians 6:1
 - b. So they will repent (v 25)
 - c. So they will recover (v 26)
 James 5:19-20

Live Till The Last 2 Timothy 3:1-9

We Need To Live For Christ Until he Comes, No Matter What Events Time Brings

- A. Concerning times (3:1)
- **2 Timothy 3:1**
- This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:4
- But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

- **B.** Corruption of character (3:2)
- 2 Timothy 3:2

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

- **B.** Corruption of character (3:2)
 - 1. Their choice

Romans 1:28

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

- B. Corruption of character (3:2) continued2. Their content
- Romans 1:29-30
- 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

- C. Cruelty in relationships (3:3)
- **2 Timothy 3:3**

Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

- C. Cruelty in relationships (3:3)
 - 1. The conduct

Romans 1:31

Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

2. The conclusion

Romans 1:32

Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

- **D.** Condemnation of convictions (3:4)
- **2 Timothy 3:4**

Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

- **D.** Condemnation of convictions (3:4)
 - 1. Changed respect for God
- **Romans 1:25**
- Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.
 - 2. Changed relationship with God
- **James 4:4**
- Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

II. Counterfeit Religion and Deception (3:5-7)

- A. Contrived godliness (3:5)
- **2 Timothy 3:5**
- Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
- Matthew 23:27-28
- 27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.
- 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

II. Counterfeit Religion and Deception (3:5-7)

- **B.** Condemnable exploitation (3:6)
- 2 Timothy 3:6

For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts.

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

II. Counterfeit Religion and Deception (3:5-7)

- C. Continuous pursuit of false knowledge (3:7)
- **2 Timothy 3:7**
- Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- 2 Timothy 4:3

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.

III. Consequences Of Rejection (3:8-9)

2 Timothy 3:8-9

- 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.
- 9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was.

III. Consequences Of Rejection (3:8-9)

A. Corruption and reprobation (3:8)

Titus 1;16

They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

B. Certain defeat of evil (3:9)

Revelation 20:10

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

III. Consequences Of Rejection (3:8-9)

- C. Christ's ultimate victory (3:9)
- **1 Corinthians 15:24-25**
- 24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.
- 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

Are We Living or Leaving?