The Characteristics of Men in the Last Days

2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

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

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

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

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

1. The Last days are characterized as perilous times.
   1. “in the last days perilous times shall come”
      1. The most terrifying days will be the last days
      2. We can know these things that we may persuade men to turn to God.
2. There are nineteen purposeless characteristics of men in these verses.
   1. “For men shall be”
      * 1. Men shall be lovers of their own selves,
        2. Covetous,
        3. boasters,
        4. proud,
3. Blasphemers,
4. Disobedient to parents,
5. Unthankful,
6. Unholy,

9. Without natural affection,

10. Trucebreakers,

11. False accusers,

12. Incontinent,

13. Fierce,

14. Despisers of those that are good,

15. Traitors,

16. Heady,

17. High minded,

18. Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

19. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power

b. **Nineteen** means the **Perfection of Divine order in relation to judgment**.

1. The Last days are considered to be powerless times.
   1. “Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof”
      1. The chief danger of the last days is Religion without Power.
      2. We are taught that we may teach others to turn away from these things.
      3. We are to have the Power.
         1. To Know and to make Jesus Known.
         2. To be - selfless, give, humble, praise, obey, thankful, Holy, affectionate,
         3. Peace maker
         4. Unto Salvation
         5. To Witness
         6. To Love and to be loved.
         7. With Godliness

* Yellow with fear, green with envy, black and blue with pride and joy.
* “showing his true colors"
* Blind as a bat, Poor as a church mouse, Mad as a wet hen, Horse whipped,
* Dog tired. In the dog house, dogging it, The Dog days of the summer. Dog star
* "the hair of the dog that bit you becomes the cure"
* **Like a caged canary** because coal mines weren't equipped with ventilation systems, miners would routinely bring a caged canary down into the shafts to help detect the buildup of dangerous levels of methane and carbon monoxide (which are odorless, tasteless, and colorless to humans).
  + Saying that someone "**lives like a canary in a coal mine**" suggests a willingness of that person to live life on the edge, or to experience life's dangers without compromise.
* “What’s a matter? Cat got your tongue?”
* "he's like a one-legged man in an a kicking contest"
* Horsing around
* "if you lie down with dogs, you will get up with fleas."
* "early to bed early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise"
* "jumping from the frying pan into the fire"
* “He that sitteth on a tack shall surely rise again”
* "running around like a chicken with its head cut off"
* "it takes a big boy to whip a little man"
* "useful as a pogo stick in quicksand"
* "not worth a hill of beans"
* “Clear as mud”
* “all talk and no action”
* “He would argue with a wooden Indian”
* “you can say whatever you want about something, but that doesn't change what it is”
* "between a rock and a hard place"
* "bury the hatchet