**CHAPTER 3**

*The character of heretics of latter days: he exhorts Timothy to constancy. Of the great profit of the knowledge of the scriptures.*

**1** Know also this, that, in the last days, shall come dangerous times.

**2** Men shall be lovers of themselves, covetous, haughty, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, wicked,

**3** Without affection, without peace, slanderers, incontinent, unmerciful, without kindness,

**4** Traitors, stubborn, puffed up, and lovers of pleasures more than of God:

**5** Having an appearance indeed of godliness, but denying the power thereof. Now these avoid.

**6** For of these sort are they who creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, who are led away with divers desires:

**7** Ever learning, and never attaining to the knowledge of the truth.

**8** Now as Jannes and Mambres resisted Moses, so these also resist the truth, men corrupted in mind, reprobate concerning the faith.

**9** But they shall proceed no farther; for their folly shall be manifest to all men, as theirs also was.

**10** But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience,

**11** Persecutions, afflictions: such as came upon me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra: what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord delivered me.

**12** And all that will live godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution.

**13** But evil men and seducers shall grow worse and worse: erring, and driving into error.

**14** But continue thou in those things which thou hast learned, and which have been committed to thee: knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

**15** And because from thy infancy thou hast known the holy scriptures, which can instruct thee to salvation, by the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

**16** All scripture, inspired of God, is profitable to teach, to reprove, to correct, to instruct in justice,

**17** That the man of God may be perfect, furnished to every good work.