

# THE ACCUSER IN THE LAST DAYS



**II TIMOTHY 3:1-5**

**I. God's people should expect terrible behavior in the world (II Timothy 3:1).**



- How does a long-lasting rejection of Jesus manifest itself? (v.13)
- For what reasons would God share this news with His people?

## II. Unbelievers will display increasingly selfish sins (v.2-4).



- What central attitude links all of the sins in these three verses?
- How can Christianity help us overcome this lifestyle?
- On which of these sins do you need to do the most work?

### III. One of these sins identifies with 'the accuser' (v.3).



- What word is used to describe Satan 34 times and Judas once?  
(Luke 4:2, 3, 5, 6, 13; John 6:70-71)
- What word is used only three times to describe people other than Judas?  
(I Timothy 3:11; II Timothy 3:3; Titus 2:3)

# IV. An outward appearance of godliness is powerless (v.5).



- How does true godliness differ from the mere appearance of it?
- How can we have a godliness that is more than just an appearance of it?

**V. We need to be careful to completely avoid such people (v.5).**



- **What happens when we become comfortable around those who try to appear godly?**
- **How can we reach unbelievers without becoming comfortable with their sin?**

# **Call to Action: To overcome ungodliness with the self-denying power of Christ.**



- How does sin in our time compare that of the first century?
- What happens to people who are lovers of themselves?
- How are gossips like Satan?
- How is your righteousness deeper than mere appearance?
- In what ways do you need to deny self?
- How can we help?