2 Timothy 3:1-9 (NKJV) <sup>1</sup>But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

2 Timothy 3:1-9 (NKJV) <sup>6</sup> For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, <sup>7</sup> always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>8</sup>Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; <sup>9</sup> but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.



Steve Rudd's Website - http://www.bible.ca/false.htm



### Error:

Appeals to the carnal mind
 Appeals to the desires of the flesh

Appeals to pride

Appeals to human wisdom

Appeals to the emotions

Appeals to the lazy & ignorant

#### TRUTH IS NOT DESIRED

Isaiah 30:10-11 (NKJV)
<sup>10</sup> Who say to the seers, "Do not see," And to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things; Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits.
<sup>11</sup> Get out of the way, Turn aside from the path, Cause the Holy One of Israel To cease from before us."

TRUTH IS NOT DESIRED Jeremiah 5:30-31 (NKJV) <sup>30</sup> "An astonishing and horrible thing Has been committed in the land: <sup>31</sup> The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule by their own power; And My people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end?



**Exposes sin** - Jn 3:19-20

Reveals the condition of loved ones -Mat10:34-39

Demands that we be different from the majority – Ex 23:2; Mat 7:13,14

Most are looking for the easy way, the fun way, the popular way – Psalm 14:1-4; 2 Tim. 4:2-4



Self-deception or an agenda
Heb 3:13

**A lack of love for the truth** – 2 Thes 2:10,11; Mat 13:14,15

Pride – can't be wrong – 1 Tim 6:4

#### DUE TO DILUTION

The spirit of compromise – 2 King 17:41; 18:21; Rev 3:16; Mat. 6:24

 Selective acceptance of scripture & Eisegesis – Psalm 119:160; Prov 30:5; Mat. 15:6-9; Deut 4:2; Rev 22:18

The selective rejection of context & other scripture - Rom. 2:17-24; Jam 2:8-11; Mat. 23:23; 2 Tim 3:16

#### DUE TO PERVERSION

To defend error, one MUST
 pervert or twist scripture –
 2 Peter 2:1-3; 3:16; Psalm 56:5;
 Gal 1:6-9; Acts 13:10; 1 Tim. 4:1-3

Error contradicts both truth & error – BUT, truth never contradicts itself!

#### MISREPRESENTATION

When arguments cannot be sustained in the face of truth – numerous ungodly characteristics are usually manifested

Matthew 26:59 (NKJV) <sup>59</sup> Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death,

MISREPRESENTATION Redefine terms – Equivocation – + Straw Man Building -Name Calling – Personal Attacks – False Accusations -

For Error To Survive There must be

The Demand
Pride
Dishonesty
Dilution
Perversion
Misrepresentation

For Truth To Survive There must be

The Demand
Humility Honesty
Inclusion
Harmonizing

True Representation

FAILURE ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO HAVE IT Ungodly living Unprepared / Unable +Lack of concern + Laziness

## Do we recognize the VALUE of the truth?

Proverbs 23:23 (NKJV) <sup>23</sup> Buy the truth, and do not sell *it, Also* wisdom and instruction and understanding.

# Is The Truth What We Are Seeking?

#### Acts 17:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out* whether these things were so.

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