

Danger in the Church, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: 2 Timothy 3:1-9.
- B. Difficult and dangerous times will come.
- C. There is "cancer" in the church--false teachers running amuck.

II. False teachers are self-lovers who are a danger to the church. A superiority complex is the problem not an inferiority complex.

III. They are covetous. Love of self leads to covetousness. (1 Timothy 6:10)

IV. They teach disobedience to parents.

- A. Disobedience to parents is a great problem in the church.
- B. The family is disintegrating.

V. They are thankless.

- A. When we give a premium to self love, we end up with a thankless people.
- B. It is not natural to love one another--God instills in the church a family kind of love.
- C. It is the character of Satan to blaspheme and slander others.

VI. False teachers do not have self-control. (Matthew 23)

VII. False teachers are brutal.

VIII. False teachers hate what is good.

IX. False teachers are aggressive. (Acts 19:36)

X. They loved pleasure rather than loving God.

Application Questions:

1. How have you seen false teaching manifest itself in the church?

2. Why do so many sins start with self-love?

3. How would you respond to someone who says that the biggest problem people have today are feelings of inferiority?
