2 Timothy 3:1-17: THE PRIORITY

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- 1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come;
- 2 for people [Grk. anthrōpoi] will be self-lovers, money-lovers, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,
- 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, savage, not loving good,
- 4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, pleasure-lovers rather than God-lovers,
- 5 having a form of godliness, while denying its power; and avoid such [people].
- 6 For among them are those who infiltrate households and captivate weak women who have been weighed down with sins, led away by various lusts,
- 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of truth.
- 8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these also oppose the truth, people [Grk. anthrōpoi] corrupted of mind, rejected with regard to faith.

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- 9 But they will not progress further; for their folly will be evident to all, as also theirs [Jannes's and Jambres's] was.
- 10 But you followed my teaching, my conduct, my purpose, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness,
- 11 my persecutions, my sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me!
- 12 And, indeed, all who want to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.
- 13 But evil people [Grk. anthrōpoi] and sorcerers will progress [from bad] to worse, deceiving and being deceived.
- 14 But you should continue in the things you learned and are confident of, knowing from whom you **learned** [them],
- 15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus.
- 16 Every [text of] Scripture [is] God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness
- 17 so that that the person [Grk. anthropos] of God may be capable, fully equipped for every good work.

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