

THE PERIL OF CHRISTIAN IMPOSTERS

2 Timothy 3:1-9

PERILOUS TIMES ARE COMING (ARE HERE) (3:1-2)

"Difficulty" =

"In the last days" =

WHAT'S SO PERILOUS ABOUT THESE PEOPLE? (3:2-5)

- WARNING! Christian imposters really do _____

- WARNING! There's a temptation to _____ an imposter Christian

LOVE OF SELF LEADS TO IMPOSTER CHRISTIANS (3:2)

Godliness vs. Self-Love

Godliness = a personal _____ to God that results in actions and attitudes pleasing to God

The power of godliness (3:5; Ro. 12:1-2)

- Metamorphosis (Ro. 12:2) = an inner _____ that shines out

- Morphosis (3:5) = an outward _____ that's superficial

Warning: Being abused by fake Christians (3:6-8)

WHAT TO DO ABOUT IMPOSTER CHRISTIANS

"Understand" (3:1)

"Avoid" (3:5)

Applying 2 Timothy to Life

- Read Gal. 5:16-25. As a believer, the Spirit is in you to transform you. Are you keeping in step with His lead (:25)? Are you walking in His path (:16)? How do you see that currently impacting your life?

- For a good book on being a godly Christian read: "The Practice of Godliness" by Jerry Bridges