

THE GOSPEL UNCHAINED, PART 9
MARK THE MENACE
2 Timothy 3:1-9

The 'last days' are filled with people who are filled with self.

The WAYS of the Proto-Gnostics
'Last days' people enthrone the sinful self. (3:1-5)

They love the wrong things—and aren't bothered by it.

They think the wrong thoughts—and aren't bothered by it.

They speak the wrong words—and aren't bothered by it.

They practice the wrong behaviors—and aren't bothered by it.

They express the wrong passions—and aren't bothered by it.

They practice the wrong spirituality—and aren't bothered by it.

Such people are to be avoided.

The WILES of the Proto-Gnostics
'Last days' people entice the susceptible souls. (3:6-9)

They are sneaky—for their own fame.

They are manipulative—for their own fame.

They are predatory—for their own fame.

They are non-committal—for their own fame.

They are captivating—for their own fame.

Such people will eventually fail.

The Lenten Question:
To what extent am I like "them"?