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The works of false teachers...3:5-13

How does Paul describe the false teachers? 3:5; Mt.13:24-30, 23:27-28; Titus 1:16

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And as the literal Word of God, it's useful for...? 3:16b, 4:2; Eph.4:11-16; Heb.4:12

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They have a form (outward appearance) of godliness but deny it power. In the church...

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They creep into homes and captivate (w/false doctrine) weak-willed women, laden w/sins.

Does this describe all women? Pr.14:12; 3:7 *doctrine affects actions; actions affect doctrine*

Of course not! These particular women were susceptible, loaded w/sins, easily swayed.

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Jannes (seduces) & Jambres (rebels); opposed Moses. Rejected truth. Imposters...

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He reminds Timothy of his own life, ministry, and sufferings. Suffering is the Lord's will.

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Evil men/imposters go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. Like 3:6, both...

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You, Timothy, continue in what you've learned (Scriptures), and who taught you. Heritage

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All Scripture (OT & NT) is 'breathed out' by God. Human authors were moved by Spirit.

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For teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. The Word is sufficient.

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So the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work! Word is sufficient!!

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Sound doctrine in not 'in'. Want to be 'pleased', not rebuked, corrected or taught truth.