

Evil in the Last Days

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On February 25, 2024, by Philip Pinto @ Village Bible Church

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 - 11.) *slanderous,*
 - 12.) *without self-control,*
 - 13.) *brutal,*
 - 14.) *not loving good,*
 - 15.) ⁴ *treacherous,*
 - 16.) *reckless,*
 - 17.) *swollen with conceit,*
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Pastor’s Note: Paul’s statement that there are those who *appear* godly but deny the power of godliness (2 Tim. 3:5) should not be overlooked, especially in light of the 18 ungodly things he listed right before it. This “Evil in the Last Days” has existed in the church as much as out of it for 2,000 years. What are we to do?