



**“The Gospel and  
the Pursuit of Excellence”  
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self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

**4** traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of  
pleasure rather than lovers of God,



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**5** having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

**6** For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,

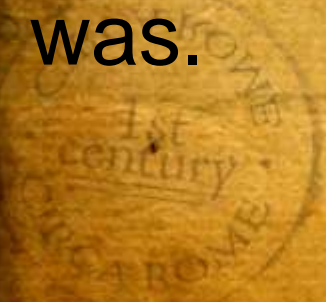
**7** always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.



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**8** Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;

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