

## 2 Timothy 3 — What Takes Women "Captive?"

*"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ."  
(Colossians 2:8)*

### Let Christ Alone Take Your Captive

- Hollow / empty
- Deceptive
- Philosophy
- Based upon human tradition
- Basic principles of this world

Christ is the yardstick by which to measure philosophy and all phases of human knowledge. Ask: "Where does Jesus fit into their thinking, their philosophy?"

### Why Are Women Easily Taken Captive? (2 Timothy 3:1-7)

False teachers worm their way into homes to gain control ("take captive") weak-willed women (undisciplined, unsatisfied, and therefore unstable women) who are:

- Loaded down, weighed down with sins, guilt-ridden
- Swayed by all kinds of evil desires or led on by various impulses/lusts"
- Always learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Being dissatisfied makes us vulnerable and gullible.

### What takes us captive?

Being weighed down with guilt feeds our vulnerability to expectations of others or ourselves:

- Beauty
- Parents
- Husband
- Education
- Homes
- Past mistakes

Feasting on various lusts increases our discontentment.

- Immorality
- Marriage and children.
- To have it all
- Children to excel in everything
- Money

Touching but never grasping (incorporating) the full truth

"Take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ." (2 Corinthians 10:5)