

## 1 Timothy

### Chapter 4

#### I. Apostasy

##### A. Regarding the Faith

1. Only one – Eph. 4:5
2. Delivered once to the saints – Jude 3
3. A “form” of doctrine - Ro. 6:17

##### B. Predicted

1. By the Spirit
  - a. He *speaks* expressly, that is, *continual*
  - b. He speaks *expressly* which means *clearly* or *explicitly*
2. In later times
  - a. By “giving heed to seducing (deceiving) spirits”
  - b. By “giving heed to... and doctrines of devils”
    1. Speaking lies in hypocrisy (*hypocritical liars which implies knowledge of the truth*)
      - a. Satan’s deception of Eve – Gen. 3:1-5
      - b. The Pharisees’ hypocrisy with Jesus – Lu. 12:1-3; Matt. 23:1-39; Mk. 12:13-17
      - c. Peter’s warning to the saints – 2 Peter 2:1-3
    2. Conscience seared with a hot iron
      - a. Seared (hardened) conscience neither sees nor feel what he/she is doing is wrong; therefore believing it – Ro. 1:27, 32
      - b. Seared (hardened) conscience leads to destruction – 2 Pet. 2:3-22

##### C. Asceticism

1. Forbidding to marry
  - a. Gnostics taught that all matter was evil except spiritual; since marriage is physically pleasurable then it is sinful - 1 Cor. 7:1-5; 6:13
  - b. The Catholic Church supports celibacy as a prerequisite for ordination as if it makes one’s relationship with God more holier or religious – 1 Cor. 7:7, 8
2. Abstention from meats
  - a. The false teachers connected salvation with the dietary laws under the Mosaic Law as well as circumcision – Deut. 14:1-21; Acts 15: 1, 2, 24; Gal. 5:1-4
    1. Consumption of meats is create by God – Gen. 9:3
    2. Food is to be receive with thanksgiving
      - a. Because it is sanctified by the word of God
      - b. It is sanctified by prayer
      - c. The Holy Spirit is our proof of liberty – Romans 14:17-21
  - b. Note the contrast between John the Baptist and Jesus – Matt. 3:1-4; Luke 7:31-35
    1. What they ate, where and how they lived does not make a person holier than another – Col. 3:14-17
    2. Another example is the Amish denial of technology and fashion. It doesn’t make their way of life closer to God than the person who uses technology and dresses modestly.

of God and prayer.

c. The gift of the Holy Spirit is our liberty; therefore freeing us from food and drink –  
Ro. 14:1 ; 1 Cor.

D. Antidote – The words of the Apostles (2 Pet. 3:1, 2)

## II. Description of a Good Minister

A. Remembrance of “these things” – the aforementioned – Vv. 1-5

B. Refuse profane and old wives fable – 2 Tim.; Titus

C. Exercise Godliness rather than Bodily Exercise

1. Godliness is profitable unto all things

a.

b.

2. Bodily exercise profit little (spiritual development & salvation)

a. Transcendental Meditation does not establish a relationship w