

1 Timothy - Chapter 4

Departing From the Faith (4:1-5)

Here Paul gives a warning to Timothy and the believers at Ephesus

- Is it possible to depart from the faith (v1)?
- Who states and how clearly do they state this (v1)?
- What does it mean to “give heed” (v1)?
- What kind of spirit promotes this (v1)?
- How would one “speak lies in hypocrisy” (v2)?
- What would be the result of having a conscience seared with a hot iron (v2)?
- Can we err in what we forbid and command (v3 and Matthew 5:19)?
- Why are we tempted to forbid and command things?
- Was everything that God created good (Gen 1:31 & v4)?
- Can we make something good, bad by misusing it?
- How are we to receive things (v4)?
- Is it easy to forget to be thankful?
- What does it mean for something to be sanctified (v5)?

A Good Minister (4:6-11)

- What does Timothy need to do to be a good minister (v6)?
- By what were they nourished (v6)?
- Do we focus more on nourishing our physical self than we do our spiritual self?
- How had Timothy followed the good doctrine (v6)?
- How would we reject profane and old wives' fables (v7)?
- How would we exercise ourselves toward godliness (v7)?
- Should we focus (spend more time on) bodily exercise than spiritual exercise (v8)?
- How does it promise life now (v8)?
- How does it promise life to come (v8)?

- Because he trusted God, what did Paul do (v10)?
- What is the difference between commanding and teaching (v11)?

Take Heed to Yourself (4:12-16)

- How was Timothy supposed to prevent people from despising his youth (v12)?
- In what ways was Timothy to be an example (v12)?
- To what was Timothy to pay attention (v13)?
- Is it a danger to neglect what we've been given (v14)?
- How was this gift given to Timothy (v14)?
- What does it mean to meditate on these things (v15)?
- How would we give ourselves entirely to them (v15)?
- What will be the result of meditating and giving ourselves to these things (v15)?
- Should our progress be easily visible (v15)?
- Is it enough to just watch out for ourselves (v16)?
- Can our actions affect others' salvation (v16)?