

# Bible Study      1st Timothy

## Chapter 4: 1-16

### Objectives:

- To understand the doctrine of Apostasy.
  - To understand the doctrine of Apologetics.
  - To understand how to be a good minister of Jesus Christ.
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### **Summary**

Paul warned the church at Ephesus that false teachers were coming to infiltrate the church and in 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4 we find that the Gnostics have appeared. In this chapter Paul writes and informs that some believers will fall away from the faith during the last days, and how the church should address apostasy (this falling away from the faith.) We are instructed to defend the faith, and how to become good ministers (servants) of Jesus the Christ.

### QUESTIONS, ANSWERS, AND DISCUSSIONS

- A. What did the Holy Spirit reveal concerning the “latter days.”? (1)
- B. Define apostasy. What is the difference between an apostate and a reprobate?
- C. **Seducing spirits** are angelic beings who have rebelled against God and who seek to deceive men and women. **The doctrine of demons** are the specific teachings of seducing spirits.
- D. We find the first seducing spirit and the doctrine of demons in **Gen. 3: 4-5**. The goal of seducing spirits and the doctrine of demons is: To persuade the believer that we can be g\_\_\_\_\_, and operate independently from the one true G\_d.
- E. The conscience is designed to warn us of impending danger, but a seared conscience is one in which the nerve endings have been burnt (hot iron) and no longer operates properly. A seared conscience still produces a warning signal, but the person no longer responds to the warning. (2)
- F. The Gnostic teach that making self-sacrifices causes a person to be more religious and closer to God. In Gnosticism remaining single and dietary prohibitions makes them more spiritual than others. (3)
- G. Ultimately the Gnostic declares that they are more spiritual because of their sacrifices. Explain the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican. (Luke 18: 10-14)
- H. Paul encourages that we defend our faith, and not argue. How did Paul defend the faith? (4)
- I. In apologetics the goal is to strengthen our faith through defense, and disarming those who attack Christianity. Please explain 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:15.
- J. How is food sanctified by the word of God and prayer? (5)
- K. What instructions did Paul give Timothy concerning becoming a good minister of Jesus Christ? (6)
- L. What was Timothy to reject and why? (7)
- M. What is the value of godliness? (8)
- N. Why do believers both labor and suffer reproach for godly living? (10)

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O. Name the areas in which believers should be role models, and explain them? (12)

- W\_\_\_
- L\_\_\_
- F\_\_\_
- P\_\_\_

P. What three (3) areas should believers devote themselves to: (13)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Q. Apparently Timothy had neglected to cultivate his spiritual gift and Paul reminds Timothy to use his gift. (14), and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 1:6 Paul reminds Timothy again to “stir up the gift of God...” **If possible please identify your spiritual gift area(s), and remember to cultivate your gift.** (14)

R. How could Timothy ensure that his progress would be evident to all? (15)

S. How could Timothy save both himself and those who heard him? (16)

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### **Lessons/Life Applications**

- I learned that an apostate is \_\_\_\_\_, but a reprobate is\_\_\_\_\_.
- I learned that in apologetics I do not \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ the faith.
- I learned that being a servant of Jesus Christ requires\_\_\_\_\_.