
1 Timothy - The Path of a Disciple

Session 8 – 1 Timothy 4

Homework: April 5 – April 19

1 Timothy 4 (ESV)

Some Will Depart from the Faith

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

A Good Servant of Jesus Christ

If you put these things before the brothers,^[a] you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive,^[b] because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

Command and teach these things. Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them,^[c] so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Lean In:

1. What false teaching have you heard on radio, in movies, on TV or the internet? How has this impacted people you know (both Christian and non-Christian)? How can this type of teaching “sound” spiritual?

Look Down:

Pray that you would be strengthened in your faith in your journey of discipleship.

Read **1 Timothy 4**

2. List all the things the false teachers taught in vv.1-5.

3. In v.2 what makes it possible for the deceivers to be deceptive?

4. Compare and contrast. What are the implications of their devotion?

What were the people in each group devoted to?		
People (v.1)	Timothy (v.13)	Disciples (Acts 2:42-47)

5. Worshipping an idol is in reality is the same as honoring a demon. What do we learn about this in the following passages?
 - a. Leviticus 17:7
 - b. Deuteronomy 32:17
 - c. Psalm 106:35-37

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6. What is the source of deception that can draw people away from the truth of God's Word? How does it relate to what we have read and learned so far in chapters 1-3? Note 2 key verses in the space provided. (Hint Look at chapter 1 😊)

 7. Satan is a deceiver, the father of lies. What do we learn about the deceiver and the deception he brings?
 - a. Matthew 24:4-5, 24
 - b. Romans 16:17-18

 8. List the 7 qualities of a good servant of Jesus Christ does in this passage.

 9. In v.10, what type of work is involved in serving the Lord? Why is this important to know?

 10. List the 5 qualities given in vv.12-16.

 11. What instruction does Paul give Timothy in v.15? What does Paul mean by meditate on these things? What do you think "these things" refers to?

Look Out:

12. As Timothy used his gifts, God reminded him that God called him. How does this impact you using your gifts for the Kingdom of God? What would be different in your workplace, your home, your spheres of influence?

13. As we look at the body of Christ, where do we get the authority to teach or correct people? How do we use that authority correctly?

14. Would an unbeliever visiting your home church be convinced that God exists among you? Why or why not?

Look In:

15. How can Colossians 2:4-10 encourage you in your journey with Jesus this week?

16. Is there something in your life that you are considering or taking part in that does not line up with the Word of God? Not sure? As you pray, ask God to reveal the truth to you through His Word and that you would hear so clearly His direction.

17. What does it look like to train yourself in Godliness?

18. 1 Timothy 4:6-11 has lessons for every one of us as believers and as disciplers of others. What lessons do you learn that you can apply to your own journey?

Live it Out:

List five principles from 1 Timothy 4. A principle is simply a fact or command stated or implied in the passage that is relevant to your own life. An example is given for you only 4 more to go!

- *I need to be in God's Word daily.*
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19. Why is it so hard to keep an eternal perspective in our everyday? How would you live differently if you could? How would it affect the urgency of pursuing a godly life and telling others about Jesus?

Look Up:

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- Thank our Lord Jesus that by the gift of His Spirit which dwells within us, we have the power to discern truth from lies and deceptions.

Prayer for

- For your D-Group members
- For each to be good servants of Christ Jesus
- Each person to continue growing as disciples
- For authenticity in your DGroups.