

1 Timothy 4:1 Departing from the Faith
Series 1 Timothy
Reading **1 Timothy 4:1-5** – Nov 12th, 2017

For the last couple of weeks we have been looking at the requirements for leadership. This culminated in 1 Timothy 3:15 where Paul talks about the purpose of the Church. It is to be the pillar and support of the truth. That is a high calling, to be the voice in this word of truth. Yet here at the apex of the Church's call, Paul is led to add a loud and clear warning to all who will hear. There are going to be those who depart from the truth, who listen to other voices and follow doctrines of demons. Join us as we look at this warning and try to set ourselves in the truth of God so that we can stand against the wiles of the devil.

- **1 Timothy 4:1** Now the Spirit expressly says...
 - **2 Peter 1:20-21** ²⁰ “knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.” NKJ
 - **2 Timothy 3:16-17** ¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” NKJ
 - All the important things Paul has just talked about, the battles it would be a part of.
 - **1 Tim. 1:3-7** Charge some that they teach no other doctrine... Some have turned aside already.
 - **1 Tim. 1:18** ¹⁸ This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, ¹⁹ ... which some have rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck.”
 - **Chapter 2, 3** Men of prayer, women of character, leadership and the purpose of the Church...
 - **Acts 20:28-32** ²⁸ Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. ²⁹ For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. ³¹ Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. ³² So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”
 - This was why Paul had left Timothy and what was already happening, and it wasn't over but would increase! The answer then as now was given in **Acts 20:32** ...I commend you to God and to the word of His grace which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.
 - **1 Tim. 1:3** “Charge some that they teach no other doctrine!”
 - **John 16:13** “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”
- **1 Timothy 4:1** ... in later times
 - **Jude 1:17-18** ¹⁷ But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: ¹⁸ how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.”
 - **2 Peter 2:1-2** ¹ But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. ² And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.”

- **1 John 2:18-20** ^{“18} Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. ²⁰ But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.”
- **1 Timothy 4:1** ...some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
 - Some will depart from the faith.
 - Differences can be important. They can be eternal.
 - What does it mean that they depart from the faith?
 - **Romans 10:16-18** ^{“16} But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, Lord, who has believed our report? ¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. ¹⁸ But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world.”
 - They know the truth, but chose to add to it, or take from it and reject it.
 - Two thoughts that I think we need to keep first.
 - The scriptures are the words of God! They are sufficient and inerrant.
 - **2 Timothy 3:15-17** ^{“15} and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
 - **2 Peter 1:3-4** ^{“3} as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.”
 - **1 Peter 1:23-25** ^{“23} having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, ²⁴ because All flesh *is* as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, ²⁵ But the word of the LORD endures forever. Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.”
- And inerrant.
 - He says it is!
 - **Ps. 12:6** “The words of the LORD *are* pure words, *Like* silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times.”
 - **Ps. 19:7-10** ^{“7} The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired *are they* than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
 - Given by God who knows everything, cannot lie, and is the truth!
 - **2 Timothy 3:16-17** ^{“16} All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
 - It is used to judge us.

- **Hebrews 4:12-13** ¹² For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.”
- They point to how to be right with God, salvation is through faith in Christ alone!
 - Truth is found in the Bible alone! Clearly taught in scripture; essential to faith; doctrines that we are forbidden to deny; summed up in Jesus Christ; salvation through faith alone.
- Error is not wisdom. It is following Satan!

Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be in abide with each of you