

Keep the Faith

1 Timothy: Living out Love in the Local Church, part 11
1 Timothy 4:1-6

- In these last days there is going to be an increase of demonic doctrines flooding into the church. We must confront the danger and realize:

(1.) True Christ-like discipleship _____
_____.

(2.) Man's uncanny tendency toward _____.

(3.) The _____ will infuse us with strength against the world (1 John 2:14).

- Paul outlines three steps to keep us from departing from the faith:

1. Hear the _____, v.1-2

- "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly..." Here are aspects of the Spirit's prophecy of these demonic teachers and their teachings:

A. Their _____, v.1b: "some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits,"

- To lead God's people to:

1.) To _____ from the faith (apostasy)

- Why do people depart from the faith? They have _____, Luke 8:13.

2.) To be _____ from the truth; "seducing spirits..."

B. Their _____, v.1b: "giving heed"

C. Their _____, v.1c: "doctrines of devils..."

D. Their _____, v.2a: "speaking lies in hypocrisy"

- They were intentionally deceptive.

E. Their _____, v.2b: "having their conscience seared with a hot iron;"

2. Beware of the _____, v.3a

A. To exercise _____ over people's lives: "Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats..."

B. To push a path to spirituality based on _____

- Asceticism: a severe form of self denial in order to attain salvation or favor from God (Col.2:19-23).

Hebrews 13:9; Be not carried away about divers and strange doctrines. For it a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

- This kind of teaching led to _____ in the priesthood.

3. Embrace the _____, v.3b-5

- We must “believe and know the truth” of:

A. _____, v.3b, 5 “the faith...the truth... Word of God”

B. _____ to God, v.3,4: “with thanksgiving... with thanksgiving”

