

## 1 Timothy 4:1-5

### *Warning of Apostasy*

#### The Certainty of Apostasy (v. 1a-c)

#### The Cause of Apostasy (v. 1d)

#### The Clergy of Apostasy (v. 2)

#### The Content of Apostasy (v. 3a)

#### The Correction of Apostasy (vv. 3b-5)

## Application of 1 Timothy 4:1-5

1. Reflect on the warning given by Paul here and other similar warnings given throughout the NT (e.g. Mark 13; 2 Tim 2:18; 3:1-9, 13; 4:3-4; 1 John 2:18; Jude 17-18). Are you alert to and aware of false teaching? Ask God to help you be discerning and on guard.
2. The ultimate cause of apostasy is Satan's influence. Look up 2 Cor 10:3-6 and Eph 6:10-18 and consider the spiritual warfare we are engaged in and the weapons God's given us for such combat.
  - a. How does recognizing we're in a spiritual battle impact your perspective on false teachers, their teaching, and your response?
3. What examples of deceitful spirits and demonic doctrines through the teaching of hypocritical liars lead people in the modern church away from the faith?
4. How does forbidding marriage (including the pleasures of marriage) and advocating abstaining from foods, rob God of the thankfulness and praise He deserves?
5. How does legalism/asceticism (e.g. abstinence from foods) stand opposed to God's grace and provide no spiritual benefit?
6. How does this passage address false teaching today that we must follow OT food laws or any other dietary regulations people may attempt to impose upon others for so-called spiritual reasons?
  - a. How would you address the examples of false teaching you thought of in #4 (or that were mentioned in the sermon)?
7. Take time to reflect on and thank God for marriage and food as part of His good design.
8. How does the warning of this passage reinforce the necessity of being in God's Word?

Reading this week: Read 1 Tim 4:1-10.

## Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	W _____ of A _____	_____
	The Certainty of A _____ (v. 1a-c)	_____
<u>Chapter</u>	The C _____ of A _____ (v. 1d)	_____
	The C _____ of A _____ (v. ____)	_____
	The C _____ of A _____ (v. 3a)	_____
<u>Verses</u>	The C _____ of Apostasy (vv. 3b-5)	_____
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### Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Apostasy/Apostatize	Church	Food(s)	Paul	People

What is the message about? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

What/who can you pray for? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture related to the message: