

I TIMOTHY CHAPTER FOUR—GREAT CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE

I. INTRODUCTION.

- a. Read I Timothy 4.
 - i. Apostasy. (1-5)
 - ii. Preventive action. (6-12)
 - iii. Additional responsibilities. (13-16)

II. LESSONS FROM I TIMOTHY CHAPTER FOUR.

- a. A warning that some will fall away from the faith (apostasy). (1-5)
 - i. Its surety. (1)
 - ii. Its time. (1) Also, see Titus 1:10-14.
 - iii. Apostasy defined—"a falling away from the truth or from that which is right".
 - iv. Its effect. (1) Also see Ephesians 6:12, James 3:15, James 2:19 and I Corinthians 10:19-22.
 - v. Characteristics of false teachers. (2)
 - vi. Aspects of the false teaching. (3-5) See Gal. 1:6-10.
 - 1. Forbid to marry. (3)
 - 2. Abstain from certain foods. (3)
 - a. Refute such teaching. (3-5)
- b. Preventive action by God's servant. (6-12)
 - i. What are some things that can be done? (6-9)
 - 1. Teach and remind others. (6)
 - 2. Reject myths and false teaching. (7)
 - 3. Train yourself in "godliness". (7-8)
 - 4. A "sure saying"—refers to what is said in verse 8. (Also, see I Timothy 1:15 and 3:1 for use of similar phrases.) (9)
 - ii. Reasons for our labor and toil. (10)
 - iii. Proper response from Timothy. (11-12)
 - a. Teach. (11)
 - b. Set example. (12)
- c. Some additional responsibilities. (13-16)
 - i. Diligently read, exhort and teach the truth that you have been taught. (13)
 - ii. Do not neglect the gift that you have. (14)
 - iii. Be devoted to your responsibilities as a Christian/ teacher. (15-16)