

OUTLINE OF I TIMOTHY CHAPTER FOUR

I. An Apostasy Predicted and Identified. (1-5)

- a. Its surety -- "The Spirit speaketh expressly..." (1)
- b. Its time -- in the latter times or days (1)
 - i. Any time in the future and was then already beginning.
 - ii. Compare Col. 2:16 and Titus 1:10-14
- c. Definition -- "a falling away from the truth or that which is right".
- d. Its effect: (1)
 - i. Giving heed to false teachers.
 - ii. Giving heed to doctrines of devils. (Compare Eph. 6:12; James 3:15; James 2:19 and I Cor. 10:19-22).
- e. Character of false teachers. (2)
- f. Aspects of the false teaching: (3-5)
 - i. Forbid to marry. (3)
 - ii. Abstain from certain foods. (3)
 - 1. Refute such teaching. (4-5)

II. Personal Instructions to Timothy. (6-16)

- a. Qualities of a good minister. (6)
- b. Reject myths. (7)
- c. Train yourself in godliness. (7-8)
 - i. Godliness profits in this life and the life to come.
 - ii. Bodily exercise profits only in this life.
- d. A "sure saying". (Also see I Tim. 1:15 and 3:1) -- Reason for our toil or why we "labour and suffer reproach". (9-10)
 - i. To exercise ourselves unto godliness.
 - ii. We have the promise of everlasting life. (Refer back to verse 8)
- e. Command and teach. (11)
- f. Be an example for other believers. (12)
- g. Give attention to public reading, preaching and teaching. (13)
- h. Attend to the gift that he had (likely referring to his appointment as an Evangelist). (14)
- i. Be devoted to your duties. (15)
 - i. Meditate upon these things.
 - ii. Give yourself wholly (totally) unto these things.
- j. Value of such devotion: (16)
 - i. To save yourself and to save others.