

1 Timothy 4:1-6

Uphold All That's Good

A word from the Spirit ...

I. Apostates' Devotion

A. Brought by Demons

B. Taught by Liars

C. Bought by Many

II. Servant's Commission

A. Propose the Truth

B. Expose the Liars

C. Oppose the Claims

... blessing what is good.

Children, Listen ...

1. Who does Paul say is behind false teaching?

2. Whose Word is the Bible?

3. If someone tries to teach us something about faith that is not in the Bible, what should we do?

Ways of Seduction vs. the WORD of SALVATION

We often underestimate the powerful influence behind false teaching, even twisted doctrines that infiltrate the realm of Christendom. Paul is addressing teaching that is luring people who once professed the faith into an aberration of Christianity. There actually seems to be two sources conspiring together – human and demon. People who fall for false teaching are in one sense falling for men's lies, but there is something far more sinister taking place, they are placing themselves under the influence of spiritual forces of darkness. In stark contrast to such wicked influences is the Word of God. We must make sure that we are not underestimating the pure truth and power of Scripture or how critical it is that we rest on it alone for all we need to know salvation, faith and life is contained within it. As Timothy, and the saint in it church at Ephesus needed to hold fast to the Gospel truth in their day, the same was truth for leaders in the church and believers through the ages down to this day. Do not be deceived, the devil and his demons are still at work with their evil scheming and deception. And do not get distracted: steep yourself in the Scriptures, God is still doing His mighty work through the power of His Word to save sinners and strengthen His saints for spiritual warfare.