

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
 Current Book: 1 Timothy – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: 1 Timothy 4:1-16 – seducing spirits, doctrines of devils, spiritual exercise

Today’s Message:

“Practice Your Preaching”



INTRODUCTION


Last week, we learned how *the church of the living God* ought to behave as *the pillar and ground of the truth*. We must hold fast to and hold up the word of truth! Today, we come to a passage that is not hard to understand. The Spirit will give a **CLEAR** warning about the satanic seduction that is happening right now. We will be reminded by God that we must keep preaching the word of God. At the same time, we must **PRACTICE** what we preach! We must be examples of the believers in all aspects of our lives. And we must regularly take time to reflect on our lives through the **MIRROR** of the word of God...

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text 1 Timothy 4:1-16

#1. Preaching – believers must keep SPEAKING the truth in love. (1-6)

THE SPIRIT’S CLEAR WARNING

- ✓ This truth is **SIMPLE** to understand. *The Spirit speaketh expressly... Jn 16:13; Rev 2,3*
- ✓ This is the time **YOU** live in. *That in the latter times... 2Tim 3:1; 4:1-4; 1Jo 2:18*
- ✓ This departure is from THE FAITH. *Some shall depart from the faith... Jude 3*
- ✓ The seduction is **SPIRITUAL**. *Giving heed to seducing spirits... Gen3; 2Tim 3:13; 2Pet 2:1*
- ✓ The seduction is **SATANIC**. *And doctrines of devils... 2Cor 11:3,4, 13-15*
 - 1) The religious leaders are **LIARS**. *Speaking lies... Jn 8:44; 17:17; Jer 23:14, 32*
 - 2) The leaders are **HYPOCRITES**. *In hypocrisy... Mt 6:2,5,16; 15:7; 16:3; 22:18; 23:13-29*
 - 3) Their conscience is **SEARED**. *Having their conscience seared... Rom 1:28; Eph 4:19*
 - 4) The religion is **EASY** to identify. *Forbidding to marry... commanding to abstain...meats...*
 *A word about FOOD... “For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.” (be careful)*

NOTE The straight truth is that ANY teaching that is contrary to the Bible is Satanic.

Danger! Danger!
Apostasy
depart from the faith
Deception
seducing spirits
Satanic teaching
doctrines of devils

PUT THE BRETHERN IN REMEMBRANCE

- ✓ *Remembrance... thou shalt be A GOOD MINISTER... Acts 20:26-31; 2Pet 1:12-15; 3:1*
- ✓ *Nourished up in THE WORDS OF FAITH... OF GOOD DOCTRINE... Eph 4:15; Col 2:19*

NOTE God knows you; His method is to stir you up by putting you in remembrance!

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Making disciples and caring for souls!

Remembrance
 The retaining of an idea which was present before.

#2. Practicing – believers must keep WALKING by the Book (*holy Bible*). (7-12)

EXERCISE UNTO GODLINESS

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 "Exercise"
 In a general sense, any kind of work, labor, or exertion of body.
 Use; practice.

- ✓ Bodily exercise has **TEMPORARY** benefits. *BODILY exercise profiteth little... Jer 9:23*
 ➡ A word about BODILY EXERCISE... Fitness/training are required if able. **1Cor 9:26-27**
- ✓ Godly exercise has **ETERNAL** benefits. *GODLINESS is profitable UNTO ALL THINGS...*
 - 1) REFUSE profane and old wives' fables... **1Tim 1:4; 6:20; 2Tim 2:16, 23; 4:4; Titus 1:14**
 - 2) EXERCISE THYSELF rather UNTO GODLINESS... **Acts 24:16; 1Tim 1:4; 2:10; 3:16; 6:11**
- ✓ Having PROMISE of *the life that now is... that which is to come.* **Jn 3:16; 2Pet 1:3, 4**

NOTE This is a faithful saying and worthy of all ACCEPTATION. No debate on this!

BE AN EXAMPLE OF THE BELIEVERS

- ✓ Therefore, we **LIVE** for Christ! *For therefore we BOTH labour and suffer reproach...*
- ✓ Our God can be **TRUSTED!** *Because we TRUST in the living God, who is the Saviour...*
- ✓ Let no man despise thy youth; but **BE THOU AN EXAMPLE of the believers...**

Your life matters!
 For Christ's sake and for His glory, you must live a virtuous life!
 ... and for your family's sake and the future of God's church!

- 1) In word ➡ WHAT **you** SAY – speak the truth in love; edifying
- 2) In conversation ➡ HOW **you** LIVE and WHAT **you** DO – visible testimony
- 3) In charity ➡ HOW **you** LOVE unconditionally and sacrificially
- 4) In spirit ➡ **Your** ATTITUDE, MOTIVATION, ZEAL for Christ's sake
- 5) In faith ➡ **Your** FAITH and FAITHFULNESS to Jesus Christ
- 6) In purity ➡ **Your** HOLINESS unto the Lord – avoid and forsake SIN

NOTE You must live / be the best example possible of a follower of Jesus Christ!

#3. Progressing – believers must keep GROWING in the word of God. (13-16)

MEDITATE UPON THESE THINGS

- ✓ A minister has 3 key essentials. *GIVE ATTENDANCE to: (How to spend quality time)*
 - 1) To Reading... ➡ Spend daily time reading the Bible, then godly literature!
 - 2) To Exhortation... ➡ Learn how to exhort; preach in the church and on street!
 - 3) To Doctrine... ➡ Learn how to rightly divide the word of God (*sound doctrine*)!
- ✓ **NEGLECT NOT** the GIFT that is **IN** thee... ➡ SPIRITUAL GIFTS are to be employed!
- ✓ **MEDITATE** upon *these things...* ➡ BE **CONSUMED** with THESE THINGS!
- ✓ **GIVE THYSELF WHOLLY** to them... ➡ GIVE to God your **MAXIMUM** effort!
- ✓ That thy *profiting* may **APPEAR TO ALL.** ➡ CHRIST-LIKENESS is goal, not results!

Question?
 What has God revealed to you today about your own life?
 Repent if needed.

TAKE HEED UNTO THYSELF

- ✓ **Take heed** unto THYSELF, and... THE DOCTRINE... ➡ YOU FIRST ... then the doctrine!
- ✓ **Save** THYSELF.... ➡ SAVE YOURSELF and OTHERS the **PAIN** of your disobedience!

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Save your family, God's church, and everyone following your life.