



BECOMING

Instructions to the Church
from the Pastoral Epistles

The Church's Teacher
1 Timothy 4:1–10
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The Promise of Jesus — John 14:25–26

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."

John 16:13–14:

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth ... He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

1 Timothy 4:1-5

¹ Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, ² through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, ³ who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴ For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵ for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

1 Timothy 4:6-10

⁶ If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. ⁷ Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; ⁸ for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. ⁹ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. ¹⁰ For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

DRIVING QUESTION:

How does the Holy Spirit teach and lead the Church into godliness?

ANSWER:

1. Through the Spirit's Warnings (vv. 1–5)
2. Through the Spirit's Encouragements (vv. 6–10)

1. THROUGH THE SPIRIT'S WARNINGS

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a. The Spirit Warns Us About Spiritual Deception (v. 1)

¹ Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by **devoting themselves to deceitful spirits** and teachings of demons.

b. The Spirit Warns Us About a Seared Conscience (v. 2)

² through the insincerity of **liars whose consciences are seared**

c. The Spirit Warns Us Against False Godliness (vv. 3–5)

³ Who **forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods** that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

Paul's response in verses 4–5: "**For everything created by God is good**, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer."

2. THROUGH THE SPIRIT'S ENCOURAGEMENTS

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a. The Spirit Encourages Us to Be Nourished by the Truth (v. 6)

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b. The Spirit Encourages Us to Train for Godliness (vv. 7–8)

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c. The Spirit Encourages Us to Labor with Hope on Christ (vv. 9–10)

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LISTEN TO THE TEACHER

Beloved, I want to bring us back to the promise Jesus made to His disciples. John 14:26:

*"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.**"*

Let me ask you three questions:

First, whose voice are you listening to? Are you allowing the Word of God to shape what you believe, or are you allowing other voices to determine what is true?

Second, are you allowing the Spirit to correct you? Is your heart sensitive to His Word? Are you willing to repent when the Scriptures expose something in your life that needs to change?

Third, are you actively pursuing godliness with your hope set on Jesus? Or have you become spiritually passive, hoping that maturity will somehow happen without ever engaging in the life God has called you to live?

PROPOSITIONAL STATEMENT:

Because the Holy Spirit has been given to guide the Church into truth, we must heed His warnings against deception and embrace His encouragements toward godliness.