

Are You Going?

1 Timothy 4:1-7

Are you alive right now?
Are you here right now?
At the end of this life, will you be in heaven?

***There are those who go TO church but are not part of the church.
I did not hear anything you just said.***

The Spirit expressly says

There are times that Paul did not realize he was being used to author Scripture
“I not the Lord” vs. “not the Lord but I” 1 Corinthians 7

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

VERSE 1

NOW... The Spirit expressly says

Like holding your face with both hands and looking eye to eye. Look at me, I have something important to say.

There are some aberrant teachings that come out of passages like this.

We NEVER tell God what to do, we never believe God into doing our will

We believe God can do anything, not that He will do anything. – Sovereignty

The Holy Spirit does not glorify Himself.

Testify of ME “strange doctrines do come out of HS ideas.

*From this doctrines that swing to the other extreme have risen to the surface.
Not denying the Holy Spirit but almost acting as if He were in the background.*

The Spirit... the Holy Spirit is God,

- Genesis 1:2
- Acts 5:3 lied to the Holy Spirit
- John 16:7 & 14 – better if I go?!

The Holy Spirit is active in our lives.

IS leading and guiding all the time

2 Corinthians 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds

Walk in the Spirit

Discernment

Discernment vs. dictating scripture

“The Lord told me”

Expressly says: with clarity or distinction, definite. Insider Trading

Turbulence Ahead

Latter Time: throughout the time to come...

Simply... in times to come and in the end of time

Jesus warned of false Christ coming

Matthew, Mark, & Luke “For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.

Paul to Ephesian Elders Acts 20:28-30 “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. “For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. “Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

Depart from **THE** faith (**Apostate** – to leave behind the doctrines/teachings)

These are those who were around a lot...

They depart from the faith but not from the flock – argue with the church.

2 Timothy 3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Turbulence is coming please buckle up.

DEPART: *aphistēmi* Withdraw, remove, stand aloof,

Luke 8:13 “But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. *aphistēmi*

Did they lose their salvation? Nope

Depart from **THE** faith (NOT FROM **THEIR** FAITH, or JUST **FROM** FAITH)

THE WAY Before believing in Jesus and following Him was known as Christianity it was known as... **The Way.** (Acts 19 & 24)

These are those who were around a lot...

“Drew near to Christianity rather than Christ.”

1 John 2:18-19 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. *They went out from us, but they were not of us;* for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

Like people who play house before getting married.

I tried Christianity or have read the Bible before.

Heb. 3:12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in *departing* from the living God;

- One of the **saddest** things is to see a Christian who doesn't know they are one.
- One of the **scariest** things is to know there are people who think they are Christians and are not. It's not a matter of convincing but of deciding (Faith)

The Black Box?

Giving Heed

HEED: To turn the mind, become attentive toward an idea or issue

To bring a ship to land – there is an interest, a thought, something and then they turn.

To eventually attach or become one with. **(Like glue drying)**

1. **Deceiving Spirits** (Seducing spirits – tickle their own ears)
2. **Doctrines of demons** – pray to anyone as long as it's not the Lord

Demon overview option

Sometimes we forget that we are living in a world that is highly trafficked by an invisible enemy. Forget masking against a virus, be discerning against the wiles of the devil.

1 Timothy 4:7 Mythos/mythology,

The ancient Greco-Roman world had so many gods that when Paul went to Athens he saw and addressed the fact that they even had an altar to the unknown god. Acts 17

*Blending of gods and goddesses... **that's so silly, we don't do that anymore.***

Genderology

Dionysus: a nature god of fruitfulness and vegetation, known to be the god of wine and ecstasy. Had an ivy wreath, a large two-handed goblet, portrayed as youthful and effeminate.

"Hail dionysys, patron of trans, nonbinary, bigender, trigender, multigender, generflid, agender, and intersex people. – ever-changing liberator of all like us, all like Dionysus..."

Hail Dionysus, god of gender euphoria and dispeller of body dysphoria, great lord and lady and protector of us all."

FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINES:

Who is Jesus, How do you get to heaven? Same author! (Needle hay stack, all hay)

If you were creating a counterfeit. You are not trying to create a new currency, you are trying to get as close as you can to a current one.

Who is Jesus? (God or not God)

In all other religions, Jesus is never God

Jesus' Later Day Saints, JW, Islam... wrong Jesus.

How are you saved?

Work your way to forgiveness

Just be good... your actions don't matter.

(Hindu Temple with Matt)

Satan does not care what side of the boat you fall off...

He just wants to keep you from coming to faith in Christ.

OR - Jesus is God, you accept and rely on what He did on the cross

The deceived becomes the deceiver

Misery Loves Company

1 Timothy 4:2-3

Speaking lies in hypocrisy (Hypocrisy)

Hypocrisy: shape-shifting... always being someone else.

(Double talk – double-tongued)

Actor on a stage: They are not that character... it's just an act.

Matt. 23:28 “Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of **hypocrisy** and lawlessness.

Taxes & Government

Mark 12:15* “Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?” But He, knowing their **hypocrisy**, said to them, “Why do you test Me? Bring Me a denarius that I may see *it*.”

Jesus beat them at their own game.

Luke 12:1* In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first of all, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is **hypocrisy**.”

Their ability to speak out of both sides of their mouth.

James 5:12* (BE CAREFUL!!!) But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your “Yes” be “Yes,” and your “No,” “No,” lest you fall into **judgment**.

*Speaking lies in hypocrisy can also mean that you are knowingly misleading people with false information. (*Telling you something they know is not true – just read the script*)

Conscience seared with a hot iron:

The conscience of someone is the part that distinguishes between what is morally right and morally wrong. Morally good and morally bad. Prompting to do what is right and draw back from what is bad... Branding Iron, marked & killed

Little white lies are a way of life.

John 8:44 When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

In fact, they know they are lying and instead of feeling convicted about what they are doing, they are proud of their ability to do it.

- Not a slip but a way of life, it marks the kind of person they are.
- Missions or evangelism – you can almost see the difference in their face.

INCREDIBLE WARNING GIVEN BY JESUS!

Enough duct tape you stick someone to the wall. Control and condemnation

Matthew 23:15 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

What Lies?

Lies that are laced with condemnation & control

Control is always a bad sign... suggest, exhort, not control.

1. Forbidding to marry (Control)

Proverbs 18:22 *He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the LORD.*

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, “*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*”

1 Cor. 7 Some are called to singleness but that is for the kingdom

2. Abstaining from foods (OT Law & Idol Worship) (Condemnation)

Seems a bit outdated but not that long ago within the span of a few months I got multiple phone calls wanting to debate this very topic. – caffeine?

a. Peter and the food

Acts 10 kill & eat... what God has cleansed you must not call common.

b. To the pure all things are pure... (1 timothy 1 & Romans 14) don't force others

c. **Mark 7:18-23** nothing that enters from outside defiles a man but the things that come out of him.

d. **Colossians 2:16-19a**

VERSE 4b-5 Spiritual Culdoscope

Received *with* thanksgiving?

Sanctified: to be separated from profane things and dedicated to God.

Glean the good – skim the good stuff off the top.

Chew up the meat, spit out the bones.

By the Word of God: Is this ok?

By prayer: Knowing and showing to whom you are grateful.

Thanksgiving – Gratitude if you are not grateful, you cannot be thankful

*Nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving.
God created to be received with thanksgiving*

- **Thankfulness is how you feel or what you think.**
- **Thanksgiving is how you express thankfulness.**

Revelation 7:11-12 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

If we are not appreciative or grateful we will never be thankful. If someone loses their ability to be thankful they will inch their way towards unstable and in an attempt to right the wrong, they will become ridged and set up so many rules about God that it gets in the way of having a relationship with God. From there joy, and thanksgiving disintegrate into who we used to be rather than who we are. – **return and do the first works.**

Some will depart.

We will not rejoice over it however, we will not be tripped up by it when someone departs. Cultivate a grateful heart towards God and what God has done.

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Are you alive today?

Are you here today?

At the end of this life, will you be in heaven?

- 1. Do you believe Jesus is God?**
- 2. Do you believe He died on the cross for your sins?**
- 3. Are you or will you let Him be the Lord of your life?**
- 4. Will you trust Him alone for Salvation and let Him be the Lord of your life?**