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PASSING THE TORCH

A Study in First Timothy

I Timothy 4:1-5

If we're NOT **careful** we can take
our eyes off of Jesus & start
looking at our **surroundings**
or our wants & we
could fall away





**SOME WILL
FALL AWAY**

What Paul is about to say is
NOT a mystery it has been
clearly taught by the Holy
Spirit ALL over the **Bible!**

1 Timothy 4:1a



“Some” = it actually could be translated “**certain** persons”

“**Apostasy**” = a **departure** or **turning** from the doctrines of the Christian faith



Why will some fall away
from the faith ... what will
lead them to depart?

I Timothy 4:1-3



I. Paying attention
to **deceitful spirits**

Instead of **following** Jesus they
give their **attention** to
deceitful spirits &
doctrines of **demons**



II. & doctrines of demons



Literally that means “teachings of demons” (could mean either the person **respects** demon **teaching** or that demons are teaching them)



Daily we should be **reminding**
ourselves of **who** Jesus is &
what Jesus did on our behalf!
That puts everything
else in **perspective**



III. By means of the
hypocrisy of liars



“Hypocrisy of liars” indicates that the **lie** being shared is **known** to be **false** (it’s NOT just **unwittingly** sharing something wrong)



I Timothy 4:2-3

Someone who's **following**
the Holy Spirit's leading
is **sensitive & quick**
to respond



That's the exact opposite to how
someone who's been cauterized
& has NOW turned a **deaf ear**
to the Holy Spirit responds

I Timothy 4:2-3



“Gnosticism” =
a key teaching was ALL
physical matter is evil
I Corinthians 9:3-7



We can have ALL the right motives, but it's super important to differentiate between God's **standards** & my **preferences!**

I Timothy 4:4-5



“Received with gratitude” ...
ALL that we have comes from
God that means it’s a **Gift**

NOT a **Right**

I Corinthians 10:15a



SO WHAT?

