

Be Faithful Amid Apostasy

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Now the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will depart from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and the teachings of demons,² through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared.³ They forbid marriage and demand abstinence from foods that God created to be received with gratitude 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 since it is sanctified by the Word of God and by prayer.

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⁶ If you point these things out to the brothers & sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished by the words of the faith & the good teaching that you have followed. ⁷ But have nothing to do with pointless & silly myths. Rather, train yourself in godliness. ⁸ For the training of the body has limited benefit, but godliness is beneficial in every way, since it holds promise for the present life & also for the life to come. ⁹ This saying is trustworthy & deserves full acceptance. ¹⁰ For this reason we labor & strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

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¹¹ Command & teach these things. ¹² Don't let anyone despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, & in purity. ¹³ Until I come, give your attention to public reading, exhortation, & teaching. ¹⁴ Don't neglect the gift that is in you; it was given to you through prophecy, with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. ¹⁵ Practice these things; be committed to them, so that your progress may be evident to all. ¹⁶ Pay close attention to your life & your teaching; persevere in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself & your hearers.

**The last few weeks have reminded us we live in an
extremely broken world.**

**A world that is filled with darkness, deception,
destruction, discord and death!**

It was into this kind of world that God sent His Son.

**Ephesus, was that kind of city and that is where God
sent Paul and then then Timothy.**

It is in this kind of world that God has placed US!

1. Love the Faith, v. 1,6; 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:7; Jude 3

- “*The faith*” - the Word, sound doctrine
Jesus is the Word, John 1:1, 14; Matt. 22:37,38.
You cannot love Jesus & Not love the Word.
- v. 3 “receive...*believe & know the truth*” James 1:21
Hold on to “*the faith*” & “*good teaching*” v. 1, 6

2. Live the Faith, v. 6 “*you have followed*”

“I have written so that you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God’s household...” 1 Tim. 3:15

- v. 3,4 in your marriage, eating, (1 Cor. 10:31)
- v. 7-8 “Train yourself in godliness...”
- v. 10 “*labor and* strive”, Eph. 2:9-10
- v. 6, 11 Use your voice!
- v.12 “set an example” - a GOOD ONE!

3. Learn from your Failures, v. 14-16

- v. 14 “*Don’t neglect” what God has given you (His Spirit; His Word; Godly examples; Christian friends)*
- v. 15 “*Practice these things...*”
- v. 16 “*Pay attention to your life...*”

Application:

- Do you know about Jesus, or do you know Him?
- Are you growing in godliness?
- When you “stumble” what will you do?

⁹ Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith. Gal. 6:9-10