



December 11, 2022

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: 1 Timothy 4:1-5

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, ²through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, ³who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.¹

D-GROUP AGENDA

Welcome & Catch Up

Begin your D-Group time by taking a few minutes to catch up since your last meeting. Share updates regarding prayer requests shared previously and celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of your group members.

Read It

Read the scripture passage, highlighting portions that stand out and things you wish to discuss.

Study It

Among your group, discuss those things that stand out in the passage. For things that may be confusing or create more questions, work together to discover God's truth. For some questions, we recommend going to gotquestions.org. This resource offers solid, succinct, biblical answers to many questions.

Some good commentaries on 1 Timothy are:

Hughes, R. Kent and Bryan Chapell. *1-2 Timothy and Titus: To Guard the Deposit*. Preaching the Word Commentary. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012.

Köstenberger, Andreas J. *1-2 Timothy and Titus*. Evangelical Biblical Theology Commentary. Bellingham, WA: Lexham, 2020.

Platt, David and Daniel L. Akin. *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus*. Nashville: Holman, 2013.

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](http://www.gotquestions.org). (2016). (1 Ti 4:1–5). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Review It

Being just a bit off can lead to deadly results. How did Pastor David's illustration about the NASA mathematicians reveal this to you? Can you think of other examples of such?

Paul mentions the later times and the deceitful teachings that come from demons. C.S. Lewis's great work *The Screwtape Letters* alludes to this in some ways. Why are so many church people influenced by demonic things, even when we have been warned so much in scripture? What are the dangers of giving too much credence to Satan and demons? What are the dangers of giving too little?

Dualism is taught in many areas of life. What are some examples of dualistic thoughts that permeate our society? Some may be okay. Others may be wrong. How do you know the difference?

What is the warning to the church today through this portion of Paul's letter to Timothy?

Five Questions

1. What did you like about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
2. What did you not like or find confusing about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
3. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about God?
4. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about humanity?
5. Who outside your group needs to hear the truths from this week's sermon?

Prayer

Pray for each other. Pray for our church and for others gathering in D-groups. Pray for specific needs shared among your members.