

Stay True to What is Right

MAKEOVER SERIES

1 Timothy 4

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¹ Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.

² These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead.

³ They will say it is wrong to be married and wrong to eat certain foods. But God created those foods to be eaten with thanks by faithful people who know the truth.

⁴ Since everything God created is good, we should not reject any of it but receive it with thanks.

⁵ For we know it is made acceptable by the word of God and prayer.

⁶ If you explain these things to the brothers and sisters, Timothy, you will be a worthy servant of Christ Jesus, one who is nourished by the message of faith and the good teaching you have followed.

⁷ Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly.

⁸ "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."

⁹ This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it.

¹⁰ This is why we work hard and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers.

¹¹ Teach these things and insist that everyone learn them.

¹² Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

¹³ Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them.

¹⁴ Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you.

¹⁵ Give your complete attention to these matters. Throw yourself into your tasks so that everyone will see your progress.

¹⁶ Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you.

1 Timothy 4:1-16 (NLT)

True Faith

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The Holy Spirit

“The Holy Spirit tells us”

- God the Holy Spirit speaks to His people
- The Holy Spirit knows what is going on
- The Holy Spirit knows what is coming
- The Holy Spirit knows the truth
- The Holy Spirit knows the work of the enemy

The Holy Spirit and Us

- “The Holy Spirit tells us”
- We should learn to listen to the Holy Spirit and act accordingly
- We should be established in God’s truth
- We should distinguish the voice of the Holy Spirit from the voice of demons

Standard of Heavenly Excellence

If you explain these things to the brothers and sisters, Timothy, you will be a worthy servant of Christ Jesus, one who is nourished by the message of faith and the good teaching you have followed. 1 Timothy 4:6 (NLT)

A Worthy Servant of Christ

- Explains God’s truth to God’s people
- Is nourished by receiving God’s truth and living it

Extreme Training Goal

Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives’ tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly. 1 Timothy 4:7 (NLT)

Spiritual *Gym Naze*

Focus

Avoid distractions

Aim your attention toward God and His goals

Push

Pursue God and His ways

Persevere in down times, tough times, and unsure times

Schedule

Set up classes, coaching, and exercises

Keep your scheduled training routine

Important Church Activities

Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them. 1 Timothy 4:13 (NLT)

Important Church Activities

- Scriptures
- Encouraging (Paraklesis)
- Teaching

Use Your Spiritual Gift

Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you. 1 Timothy 4:14 (NLT)

Your Spiritual Gift is Important

- Discover
- Deploy

Stay True to What is Right

Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you. 1 Timothy 4:16 (NLT)

Keep a close watch on how you live

Carefully evaluate your attitude, thoughts, words, behaviors, interests, traditions, entanglements, work, recreation, time, and money in light of eternal values.

Keep a close watch on what you teach

You are responsible before God for what you teach others. Be sure you know it before you teach it. Check to see that it is true according to Biblical facts, spiritual guidance, empirical evidence, and the law of love.

Stay True to What is Right

- An error may lead to less of a life of fulfillment in Christ for you and others.
- Pride may infuse self into the teachings of Christ affecting your life and others.
- Sin may enter into teaching that intrigues your flesh and others leading to illness or death.
- Stay true to what is right. Embrace it. Live it. Pass it on in the church.

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