

The Bible for Everyman: 1 Timothy

From The Inside Out

Week 4: 1 Timothy Chapter 4

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1 Timothy 4:1-3

“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. These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead. They will say it is wrong to be married and wrong to eat certain foods.”

Notice the intended audience, Paul does not have words of correction for the false teachers. Rather, Paul is putting the onus of knowing the truth on those listening. Remember,

If we don't know the _____, we cannot spot a _____.

What does this false teaching usually look like? Return to week one of our series, and revisit the “Mathematics of The Occult” where we looked at different trends of false teachers. This passage is pointing out perversions to The Gospel itself where...

False teachers always seek to _____ the _____ path.

Matthew 7:14 says *“But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”* and remember, Jesus Christ is that small gate.

John 14:6 *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”*

The call for God's man is not simply to play “spiritual defense”. We are not called to simply *avoid* untruth...proactively we are called to something more.

We must _____ along the _____.

“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

If you had the cure to a terminal illness plaguing your friend, would you keep it from him? How long would you withhold the cure? We must ask ourselves....are we withholding the truth about Jesus Christ? Because...

The _____ in your life, are there for a _____.

Remember, that Jesus told the disciples He was the light of the world in John 8:12...then he said something CRAZY and life-changing. In Matthew 5:14-16 He said ***“YOU are the light of the world....”***

Look at the encouragement in the next verse, in verse 7 he says *“Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly.”*

Can we not tolerate small differences in opinions on things in scripture that are open to debate? Things which are not salvific in nature? We should! Remember, when it comes

to the church...

_____ is not _____.

it is ONLY in seeing Christ for who *He* rightly is, that we have direction in our lives. In knowing who HE is we rightly know who WE are...and then...

Our _____ informs our _____!

Our faith becomes the lens through which we see all of life. Our faith informs what we believe is true, what we endeavor to exchange our lives for, it gives us a new direction and informs all of our activity. It even drives us to pursue new kinds of growth, look at verse 8:

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

Salt brings out _____, and salt _____.

“The LORD our God has secrets known to no one. We are not accountable for them, but we and our children are accountable forever for all that he has revealed to us, so that we may obey all the terms of these instructions.” - Deuteronomy 29:29

“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.”

Look at the challenge here, be an _____!

As God’s Man you were never intended to blend into this culture, you were called to redeem it! Remember, you are:

Light by _____ and Salt by _____.

In order to be effective in these roles, I have to get in the game! I cannot be salt or light on the sidelines. I cannot rant on social media and impact the world the way God intended us to.

If I’m called to be light, God expects me to go where it’s _____.

“Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them. Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received...” (v. 13 & 14)

It’s as if Paul’s saying, “Hey... confused what to do now Timothy? Wondering where to start? Does it all seem daunting?” OR what about to us? How do we move out and make Jesus known, what does that even look like? Follow the list....

Continue Reading _____

Keep Encouraging _____

And Don’t Neglect _____.

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” - Romans 12:2