

**Small Group Discussion Questions**  
**Sermon Date: February 11, 2024**

**Sermon: Apostate: The Fallen Ones, Part 2**  
**Passage: 1 Timothy 4:3-5**

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**Sermon Outline:**

- 2 Key Problems with False Teaching
  - 1. The Content of False Teaching, v. 3
  - 2. The Contrast of False Teaching, vv. 4-5

**Review Questions:**

- 1. Explain why only those who “believe and know the truth” can share in marriage and food with gratitude.
- 2. Paul describes the particular Ephesian heresy as a prohibition of foods and marriage. What is the bigger issue with false teaching that is evidenced here?
- 3. How would you correct someone who says that the phrase “nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude” means that we can partake in sin so long as we are thankful?
- 4. What does the word “sanctified” mean? What does it mean practically in this context?
- 5. How do the “word of God” and “prayer” sanctify?

**Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Have you ever been convinced that avoiding something God intended for you to enjoy would lead to greater holiness? Explain.
- 2. Sometimes abstinence from certain good things (such as in the case of idolizing food or money) can mature you. How can one practically deal with the heart so that they can move forward and partake of these things in worship and gratitude?
- 3. Do you have a tendency to thank God in your prayers in a rote or superficial way rather than with a full heart of gratitude? How can you change this?
- 4. What are some mundane things of life that you take for granted that you can/should exhibit greater appreciation toward God for?
- 5. Are you joyful and satisfied with what He has given you? Explain.
- 6. What further convictions or questions do you have from this passage and/or sermon?