



Beware of Demonic Doctrines

1 Timothy 4:1-6

- 1) Christians must heed what the "Spirit says" (4:1a)
 - a) "Scripture says" (5:18; cf. Heb 3:7; 2 Peter 1:19-21)
 - b) "Jesus says" (Matt. 24:10; Mark 13:22)
- 2) As the end nears, many will fall away; *apostatize* (4:1; cf. 2 Thess. 2:3)
 - a) OT: Solomon (1 Kings 11:9); Amaziah (2 Chron. 25:27)
 - b) NT: Judas, Demas, Hymenaeus/Alexander
- 3) Folks fall away due to prevalence of demonic doctrines (4:1-5)
 - a) Their teachers are liars & hypocrites (Word of Faith)
 - b) They forbid what God has given man to enjoy (i.e., New Age)
 - c) They are legalists & ascetics
 - i) Losing focus on Christ & what pleases Him
 - ii) Dividing over education, foods, etc.
 - iii) Books/authors/bloggers
 - d) Teaching contrary to Scripture or ignoring it
- 4) Like the apostles, Christ's servants expose false doctrines (4:6; cf. Matt 24:4-12; 2 Thess 2:3-12; 1 Jn 2:18-19; 4:1)