

v. 3 “forbidding to marry, to abstain from foods, which God created for reception with thanksgiving by those who believe and who have experiential knowledge of the truth.”

You can always tell when Satan gets involved in religion because he'll deal with your marriage and your menu. You'll find it every time.

There's legalistic requirements with regard to food and he'll mess up your marriage.

Just look at Jim Jones, look at David Koresh, then go look at Son Mung Yung and all the rest of the cults.

They'll get you in a mess on the marriage relationship and then they'll mess on your menu.

There's certain foods you can eat and certain foods you can't eat and it's so spiritual to be part of that.

That was true in those days and Paul tells Timothy you can see it. “Forbid the married to abstain from foods which God created for reception.”

After all in Genesis 1 God made it and He saw that it was very good.

And the apostle Paul says, *"I really haven't found anything that's not really good."*

And he says, *"It's with thanksgiving,"* by whom?

The two things that are true of the people who have the victory and who have the truth are those who what?

***"Who believe"* #1 in the Lord Jesus Christ;**

and #2 *"who have an experiential knowledge of the truth."*

It's not just something that you know in the head

but it's gotten down in their heart.

They *"have an experiential knowledge of the truth."*

They believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and

they've experienced the truth.

That's the two keys to victory over Satan.

Now verse 4

v. 4 *"Because every created thing of God is good, and nothing is to be thrown away if it is received with thanksgiving."*

They receive the things that are right and receive them in the right way with thanksgiving.

Our last verse.

v.5 *"It is consecrated through the word of God and prayer."*

**Now the word "*consecrated*" is in the emphatic position.
It's set apart through the Word of God and prayer.**

Why does he end this study with those two words?

Because #1 the Word teaches us.

#2 Prayer is the basis for our communion with the Father.

Do you pray?

Or do you have an 800 number?

Do you dial it when you have a need?

And you expect God to meet it.

**Or maybe it's a 911 and you call upon Him
when you're in a time of trouble.**

**Billy Graham says there are only three things you have to
do to have a revival in your city.**

#1, you pray. #2, you pray. And #3, you pray.

(From *Growing More Like Jesus* by Richard L. Strauss)

Andrew Murray said:

“Christlike praying in secret will be the secret of Christlike living in public.”

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The people who are going to have victory over the enemy are going to be people of the Word and people who pray.

There are 10 lessons that come out of this study.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

LESSON #1: It is prophetic and pathetic what some people will be swayed to believe.

LESSON #2: Some will fall away and pay attention to seducing spirits.

LESSON #3: Satan is the mastermind behind all of these false teachers.

LESSON #4: A leader is one of Satan's primary targets.

LESSON #5: Charisma without character is the surest way to chaos.

LESSON #6: When you have cauterized the conscience and crucified character, you've kissed Christianity goodbye.

LESSON #7: A person who has cauterized his conscience does not even know when he is a liar, a drunk, immoral, greedy, or selfish.

LESSON #8: Everything God has created is good and nothing is to be thrown away.

LESSON #9: Everything is consecrated through the Word of God and prayer.

LESSON #10: The 6 keys to victory over Satan are:

- 1. Wear your armor.**
- 2. Pray.**
- 3. Study the Scriptures.**
- 4. Memorize the Scriptures.**
- 5. Focus on obedience.**
- 6. Run to accountability.**

STUDIES IN THE FIRST EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY

PART II - 1 TIMOTHY 4-6

"The Laws of Leadership"

Key verse 4:12: *"Let no one look down on you (think little of) because you are young; but keep on becoming an example of the believers in word, in behavior, in love, in faith, in purity."*

LAW NUMBER NINE - A Leader Is One of Satan's Primary Targets —

1 Timothy 4:1-5

Key verse 4:1

Notes

v. 1 But the Spirit explicitly is saying that in latter times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and to teachings of demons (demonic teachings),

v. 2 by the hypocritical preaching of liars, seared (with a red hot branding iron) in their own consciences,

v. 3 forbidding to marry, to abstain from foods, which God created for reception with thanksgiving by those who believe and who have experiential knowledge of the truth.

v. 4 Because every created thing of God is good, and nothing is to be thrown away if it is received with thanksgiving.

v. 5 For it is consecrated through the word of God and prayer.

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Read 1 Timothy 4:1-5 and summarize in your own words what Paul is saying in this section.**
- 2. How does the Spirit describe the "latter times," according to verse 1?**
- 3. How does Satan accomplish his objectives, according to verse 2?**
- 4. What do you think it means when it says in verse 2 that their consciences are "seared with a red hot branding iron"?**
- 5. Summarize their teaching in verse 3.**
- 6. What does Paul say about "every created thing" in verse 4?**
- 7. How is everything to be "received," according to verse 4?**
- 8. In what two ways is it "consecrated," according to verse 5?**
- 9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?**
- 10. What lesson have you learned from this study?**