

"A LOOK AT THE LATTER TIMES"

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-16

(ONE CHAPTER EVERY CHRISTIAN IN OUR AGE SHOULD COMPREHEND)

NOTES ON VERSE ONE:

- "THE SPIRIT SPEAKETH EXPRESSLY"
"STATED SPECIFIED TERMS" = *INSPIRATION*
- "IN THE LATTER TIMES"
"THE ENTIRE CHURCH AGE FROM PENTECOST TO THE RAPTURE"
- "SOME SHALL DEPART"
"SOME WILL DEPART BUT GOD WILL HAVE A TRUE REMNANT"

I. THE CONDITION OF THE LATTER TIMES – VSS. 1-6

(PROPHESIED IN 65 AD AND CLEARLY FULFILLED AND EVIDENCED PRESENTLY. THE MAIN POINT OF EMPHASIS IS THAT THE LATTER TIMES WILL REJECT TRUTH)

- A. There will be a Departure from the Faith – Vs. 1a
-An Abandonment of Biblical Truth to the Point of NO TRUTH ACCEPTED-
- B. There will be a Rising of Seducing Spirits – Vs. 1b
-Demonic Control of False Religious Teachers-
- C. There will be An Acceptance of the Doctrines of Devils – Vs. 1c
-False teaching that Originates from Demons Promoted and Accepted-
- NOTE: TO UNDERSTAND "A" AND "B" CONSIDER 2 CORINTHIANS 11:13-15.**
- D. There will be Lying-Hypocritical Teachers – Vs. 2a
-Human teachers who Propagate False Demonic Doctrine-
- E. There will be False Teachers with a Seared Conscience – Vs. 2b
(A Medical Term referring to Cauterization)
-False Teachers in Every Realm of Life who Propagate False Doctrine-
- F. There will be who Reject the Biblical Family Structure – Vs. 3a
-Promotion of living together without Marriage, Transgender, Homosexual and Diverse Lifestyle-
- G. There will be those who Reject Certain Foods – Vs. 3b-5
-Refusing to eat Foods God has Sanctified-

NOTE: PASTORS IN THE PULPIT AND PEOPLE IN THE PEW ARE TO STUDY GOD'S WORD, UNDERSTAND BIBLICAL TRUTH, DETECT BIBLICAL ERROR AND ADMONISH EACH OTHER REGULARLY FOR GODLY LIVING.

II. THE CONCERN OF THE LATTER TIMES – VSS. 7-9

- A. Refuse False Doctrine – Vs. 7a
- "Profane and Old Wives Fables" speaks of false teachings that are filled with unholy error and myths that are Godless beliefs of biblically uneducated people.

NOTE: BELIEVERS MUST KNOW BIBLICAL TRUTH AND REJECT, REFUSE AND CORRECT ALL THAT IS PROFANE TEACHING – 2 THESSALONIANS 3:14,15

- B. Resort to Godly Exercise – Vs. 7b-8
- "Exercise" is an athletic term indicating "rigorous, self-sacrificing, disciplined training." Applied to the Christian life it means "Holy Spirit motivated and controlled self-discipline."

NOTE: THIS IS A FAITHFUL SAYING THAT IS TO BE ACCEPTED BY ALL BELIEVERS

– VS. 9

III. THE CERTAINTIES OF THE LATTER TIMES – VSS. 10-16

(CERTAIN QUALITIES BELIEVERS ARE TO MAINTAIN IN THE LATTER TIMES)

- A. We Must Be Certain to Trust in the Living God – Vs. 10
-For Salvation and Daily Living-
- B. We Must Be Certain to Teach the Truth of God – Vs. 11
-By Developing and Understanding of Scripture and Teaching it-
- C. We Must Be Certain to Exemplify Christ – Vs. 12
-By Being an “Exact Copy” of Christ’s Character-
- D. We Must Be Certain to Attend to Biblical Concepts – Vs. 13
-By Maintaining a Constant Practice of Reading God’s Word, Receiving Biblical Teaching and Learning Sound Doctrine-
- E. We Must Be Certain to Exercise our Spiritual Gifts – Vs. 14
-By knowing our Personal Gifts and Using them through the Local Church-
- F. We Must Be Certain to Meditate on and Apply Biblical Doctrine – Vs. 15
-By Giving Ourselves to the Learning and Living out Biblical Truth-
- G. We Must Be Certain to Take Heed to our Personal Lives – Vs. 16
-By Maintaining a Life of Spiritual Purity and Sound Doctrine-

NOTE: THESE BIBLICAL CERTAINTIES ARE TO BE THE DETERMINED DISCIPLINES OF EACH BELIEVER IN FACING THE CONDITIONS OF THE “LATTER TIMES.”

LESSONS AND APPLICATION

Each of us as believers has been placed here by God as a REMNANT to uphold His truth. **THINK OF THAT! AS BELIEVERS, GOD HAS PLACED US ON EARTH AND IN THIS LOCATION AT THIS TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE TO UPHOLD HIS TRUTH IN A TIME OF SPIRITUAL ERROR. We must ask ourselves: ARE WE BEING FAITHFUL TO THE REMNANT LIFE-STYLE GOD DESIRES THROUGH WHICH WE GAIN GREAT BLESSING AND JOY AND FOR WHICH WE WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE BEFORE GOD.**