

# Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to

# Timothy

## Chapter 4

## Warning For the Last Days

# Organization of the Epistles

## 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy:

- 1) Faith of the church; doctrine
- 2) Order of the church
- 3) Officers of the church
- 4) The coming Apostasy
- 5-6) Duties of the officers

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy:

- 1) Afflictions of the church
- 2) Activity of the church
- 3-4) Allegiance of the church

- Paul warned the Ephesian elders that false teachers would invade the church

Acts 20:28-31

- Now they had arrived.

*And they're still here!*

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

**Acts 20:28,29**

Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

**Acts 20:30,31**



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1 Timothy 4:1

- “Seducing”: wandering, roving, vagabond; *Gr: planos*, same word from which we get our word for planets
- Satan is an imitator; he has his own ministers and doctrines 2 Cor 11:13- 15
- This is the only place that “demons” are mentioned in the Pastoral Epistles.



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- Paul warned that these false teachers would arise from *within* the church

Acts 20:30

- The seriousness of idolatry and false worship     **Deut 13:12-18 Cf. Jude and 2 Peter**

– See also\;

1 Cor 10:20; Lev 17:7; Deut 32:17; Ps 106:36-37



Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their  
conscience seared with a hot iron;

1 Timothy 4:2

- “Hypocrisy of liars” (literal translation)  
Seared: “cauterized”
- An apostate is not just wrong doctrinally;  
he is wrong morally
  - His personal life became wrong before  
his doctrines were changed
- *Believing* and *behaving* always go together

# Slow Fade

Be careful little eyes what you see  
It's the second glance that ties your hands as darkness  
pulls the strings  
Be careful little feet where you go  
For it's the little feet behind you that are sure to follow

It's a slow fade when you give yourself away  
It's a slow fade when black and white have turned to gray  
Thoughts invade, choices are made, a price will be paid  
When you give yourself away  
People never crumble in a day  
It's a slow fade, it's a slow fade

# Slow Fade

Be careful little ears what you hear  
When flattery leads to compromise,  
the end is always near  
Be careful little lips what you say  
For empty words and promises lead broken hearts astray

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# Slow Fade

The journey from your mind to your hands  
Is shorter than you're thinking  
Be careful if you think you stand  
You just might be sinking

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Daddies never crumble in a day  
Families never crumble in a day



# The Slow Fade

<sup>1</sup> And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Jerusalem round about.

1 Kings 3:1

- Slow fade...
  - Daddies never crumble in a day...
  - Families never crumble in a day...
  - Kingdoms never crumble in a day!

# The Slow Fade

<sup>1</sup> But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

<sup>2</sup> Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.

**1 Kings 11:1-4**

# The Slow Fade

<sup>3</sup> And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

<sup>4</sup> For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

**1 Kings 11:1-4**

# The Slow Fade

<sup>23</sup> Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

**Proverbs 4:23**



Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

**1 Timothy 4:3**

- Both are contrary to Scripture.
- Beware of any religious teaching that tampers with God's institution of marriage
- Marriage is the means by which God reveals His most intimate truths

For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:  
For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.  
**1 Timothy 4:4,5**

- All foods are clean:
  - Jesus: **Mark 7:14-23**
  - Peter: **Acts 10:9-15**
  - Paul: **1 Cor 10:23-33**  
**Rom 14:1-12**  
**Col 2:16-17**

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1 Timothy 4:6

- “The whole counsel of God” Acts 20:27
- [Instrument Flight example:
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- Every Christian ought to feed daily on the Word **Matt 4:4; 1 Peter 2:2; Jer 15:16**

But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself *rather* unto godliness.

1 Timothy 4:7

- Athletic metaphor: Paul had spent 3 years in Ephesus where the coliseum (which held the Olympic Games at times) could seat about 100,000 people. The Greek or Roman athlete had to refuse certain things; eat the right food; do the right exercises; continually train, etc.

For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

1 Timothy 4:8

- (For a little *while*...)
- The great purpose of life: the shaping of Character and conduct by truth.
- The Christian is to be as devoted to godliness as the Athlete is to his sport.

This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all  
acceptation.

For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach,  
because we trust in the living God, who is the  
Saviour of all men, specially of those that  
believe.

These things command and teach.

**1 Timothy 4:9-11**

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

**1 Timothy 4:12**

- [Youth: a term applied to a person under 40.]
- Conversation = “walk,” “behavior,” etc.
- Faith always leads to faithfulness...



Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

1 Timothy 4:13

- Give Attendance to: “devote yourself to, be absorbed in.”
- Exhortation: “encouragement.”
- Doctrine: there are 22 references to “teaching” or “doctrine” in these 13 chapters.

Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

**1 Timothy 4:14**

- We are not to be passive...
- Are *you* further along spiritually today than you were this time last year?

Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

1 Timothy 4:15

- Profiting: “progress”; a Greek military term which means “pioneer advance”; describing the soldiers who go ahead of the troops, clearing away obstacles, etc., making it possible for others to follow
- No pastor can lead his people where he has not been himself.

“Such as I have, give I thee” Acts 3:6

Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine;  
continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt  
both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

**1 Timothy 4:16**

- Same warning that Paul gave the  
Ephesian elders

**Acts 20:28**

# Next Session

- Study 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy chapters 5 & 6.





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