

A GOOD MINISTER IN THE LAST DAYS

I Timothy 4:1-6

Intro:

- A. Paul has written Timothy that he may know how to conduct himself in the church at Ephesus.
 - 1. It is the pillar of the truth
 - 2. It is the ground of the truth.

- B. Paul gives him further instruction concerning His ministry and the, "last days".
 - 1. It will be dependable information.
 - 2. It will be specific information.

I. The Spirit And The Last Days.

- A. Vs 1a "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly..."
 - 1. "Speaketh" = λεγω = "to lay together", "to set forth", "to relate".
 - 2. "Expressly" = ῥητως = "clearly", "in clear and certain terms".
 - 3) God's spirit specifically tells us PHI

- B. "...that in the latter times..."
 - 1. "Latter" = ὕστερος = "later", "last" (dispensation).
 - 2. "Times" = καιρος = "period of time", "season".
 - 3. The last days are from Messiah's first appearance until His coming again.
 - 4. Acts 2:16-17 Hebrews 1:2 I John 2:18

II. What Some Shall Do In The Last Days.

- A. Vs 1b "Some shall depart from the faith..."
 - 1. "Depart" = ἀφίστημι = "to withdraw", "to go away", "to become apostate".
 - 2. "The faith" = τῆς πίστεως = "that system of doctrine taught by Jesus Christ that reveals the way to God in salvation and service".

- B. "...giving heed to seducing spirits..."
1. "Giving heed" = προσεχω = "to give one's attention to", "to give first hearing".
 2. "Seducing" = πλανος = "leading astray", "deceptive".
 3. "Spirits" = πνευμασιν = "supernatural evil spirits".
- C. "...and doctrines of devils."
1. "Doctrines" = διδασκαλια = "teachings".
 2. "Devils" = δαιμονια = "demons".
 3. "The things demons teach"
- D. Vs 2 "Speaking lies in hypocrisy:..."
1. ψευδολος = "false speakers" Those who deliberately say untrue things with a purpose of leading astray.
 2. ὑποκρισις = "a false front".
 3. They use a false face or front as a cover for the opportunity to preach things that are untrue.
- E. "...having their consciences seared with a hot iron;"
1. "Consciencs" = συνειδησις = "knowing together with".
 2. "Seared" = καυστηριαζω = "to sear with a red hot iron", "to cauterize".
 3. They have violated their consciences so many times that they are now covered with scar tissue and the nerve endings are so destroyed that they feel no pain.
- F. Vs 3 "Forbidding to marry..."
1. "Forbidding" = κωλυω = "to hinder", "to forbid".
 2. "They discourage marriage".
 3. These teachers had followed demonic teaching, insisting that their followers should not marry.
- G. "...and commanding to abstain from meats..."
1. "Abstain" = απεχομαι = "to hold one's self back from".
 2. "Meats" = βρωμα = "that which is eaten".

3. They are not thinking of fasting nor dieting but of declaring some meats unclean or common. Probably, the meats of the Law of Moses.

III. What God Has Said.

- A. Vs 3b "...which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."
 1. "Created" = κτιζω = "to create", "with a view to".
 2. "Received" = μεταλημψις = "reception", "sharing".
 3. "Know" = επιγινωσκω = "to know thoroughly".
 4. "Which God has created to be partaken of with thanksgiving" - WEY
 5. "By those who hold the Faith and have full knowledge of the truth." - TENT

- B. Vs 4 "For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused,..."
 1. "Creature" = κτισμα = "that which is created".
 2. "Good" = καλον = "Right, "orderly", "beautiful".

 3. "Refused" = αποβλητος = "to be thrown away".
 4. For everything God has created. - WEY
 5. And nothing to be tabooed. - MOF

- C. "...if it be received with thanksgiving."
 1. "Received" = λαμβανω = "to take hold of", "to take what is given", "to receive from another".
 2. "If only it is received with thankfulness". - MOF

- D. Vs 5 "For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer."
 1. "Sanctified" = αγιαζω = "to cause to be set apart", "to remove from profane or common use".
 2. What God has said.
 3. "Prayer" = ευτευξις = "God sought in audience and drawn nigh to", "petition", "prayer in it's most individual form".

IV. The Good Minister In The Last Days.

- A. Vs. 6 "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things,..."
1. "Remembrance" = ὑποτιθημι = "to place under".
 2. "As you lay these things before the brothers".
- B. "...thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ,..."
- 1) "Good" = καλος = "pleasing", "acceptable".
 - 2) "Minister" = διακονος = "servant".
- C. "...nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained."
1. "Nourished" = ευτρεφομαι = "to be brought up in".
 2. "Words of the faith"
 3. "Good doctrine" = καλος = "beautiful", & διδασκαλια = "teaching".
 4. "Attained" = παρακολουθεω = "to follow beside".
 5. "Which you have faithfully followed" - WEY

