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The infallible sign of demonic teachings...4:1-2

Having set the *standards* for church leaders, what's Paul's next topic? 4:1; IPet.1:20; IJn.2:18

From what do they apostatize (withdraw/fall from)? 4:1; ICor.16:13; IITim.4:1-4; Jude 3-4

What is totally clear about these apostates? IITim.3:5,13; IJn.2:18-19; Lu.8:13; IICor.11:12-15

What is their *primary* deception? IITim.3:5; IICor.11:13, 15

And when they *fall away* from the faith, where do they 'fall'? 4:1b; IITim.3:13; IIPet.2:1

How do the demons carry out their teaching? 4:2; Mt.16:21-23; Lu.22:3-6; Acts 5:1-3

What does 4:2 mean in everyday terms? Rom.2:14-15

Some actual demonic teaching...4:3-6

What might we expect Paul to identify as some of the demonic teaching? IJn.4:1-6

Instead, what are the (2) things specifically identified? 4:3; 1:3-11; Col.2:16-23

What is the *subtle lie* behind these demonic teachings? See Eph.2:8-9

What is the TRUTH about these specific teachings? 4:3b-5

What reminder does Paul now give to Timothy? 4:6a; IITim.2:14; Eph.4:14; IJn.2:14

What is a powerful way to avoid being infected by these demonic lies? 1:4; IITim.2:16-17, 3:5

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The Spirit's express words; in the latter times some (leaders) will apostatize (fall away).

From what do they apostatize (withdraw/fall from)? 4:1; ICor.16:13; IITim.4:1-4; Jude 3-4

They fall away from the faith. The faith is the whole truth of the Gospel and of Christ.

What is totally clear about these apostates? IITim.3:5,13; IJn.2:18-19; Lu.8:13; IICor.11:12-15

They were never really saved. Associated w/Christ but are deceived and now deceiving.

What is their *primary* deception? IITim.3:5; IICor.11:13, 15

They claim to be followers of Christ. Not blatant anti-Christian. Just a 'deeper' believer.

And when they *fall away* from the faith, where do they 'fall'? 4:1b; IITim.3:13; IIPet.2:1

They withdraw from the faith and follow (devote oneself to) deceiving spirits (demons).

How do the demons carry out their teaching? 4:2; Mt.16:21-23; Lu.22:3-6; Acts 5:1-3

They use hypocritical liars (men) whose consciences have been seared (cauterized)!

What does 4:2 mean in everyday terms? Rom.2:14-15

Hypocritical=wearing a mask. Seared conscience=no longer sensitive. No guilt of sin.

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Denial of Christ, Denial of the resurrection, Denial of the Trinity, of God, etc...

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Forbidding marriage and demanding certain dietary restrictions. All forms of legalism.

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These are things YOU can do to merit salvation! A subtle lie undermining Eph.2:8-9.

What is the TRUTH about these specific teachings? 4:3b-5

God has created everything to be received with thanksgiving, set apart by Word/prayer.

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By teaching these truths to believers you become a good servant of Christ Jesus.

What is a powerful way to avoid being infected by these demonic lies? 1:4; IITim.2:16-17, 3:5

Avoid worldly and empty chatter! Watch what you read, watch on TV. It sows confusion.