

1 Timothy 4

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Warning Against False Teachers

- ¹ Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;
- ² Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;
- ³ 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.
- ⁴ For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:
- ⁵ For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.
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Training in Godliness

- ⁶ If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.
- ⁷ But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.
- ⁸ 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.
- ⁹ This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation.
- ¹⁰ 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.

11 These things command and teach.

Timothy's Charge

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

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

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

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

16 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.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Faith — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Love — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

Save — σώζω (Sozo)

To save, deliver, heal

The Greek **sozo** (σώζω) means to save—deliverance from sin, death, and judgment. 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved' (Acts 16:31). The word also encompasses physical healing and spiritual wholeness.

Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

Truth — ἀλήθεια (Aletheia)

Truth, reality

The Greek **aletheia** (ἀλήθεια) denotes truth or reality—that which corresponds to actuality. Jesus declared, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14:6), embodying ultimate reality.

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Timothy 4:1

Parallel theme: Daniel 10:14; 2 Corinthians 11:3; 2 Peter 2:1; 3:3; 1 John 2:18; Jude 1:4; 1:18.

Evil: 2 Timothy 3:13. **Spirit:** John 16:13; 1 John 4:6

1 Timothy 4:2 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 23:32; Matthew 7:15; 24:24; Romans 1:28; 16:18; Ephesians 4:14; 4:19; 2 Timothy 3:5. **Kingdom:** Acts 20:30; Revelation 16:14

1 Timothy 4:3 **References God:** 1 Timothy 4:4; Romans 14:3; 14:6; 1 Corinthians 8:8; Colossians 3:17; Hebrews 13:4. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 9:3; 1 Corinthians 7:28; Colossians 2:16; Hebrews 13:9

1 Timothy 4:4 **References God:** 1 Timothy 4:3; Deuteronomy 32:4; Romans 14:20. **Parallel theme:** Acts 15:29; 21:25; Romans 14:14; 1 Corinthians 10:23; 10:25. **Good:** Genesis 1:31

1 Timothy 4:5 **References God:** 1 Timothy 4:3. **Holy:** 1 Corinthians 7:14. **Word:** Luke 4:4

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Word: Colossians 3:16. **Faith:** Colossians 4:7. **Parallel theme:** 1 Timothy 1:10; Titus 2:1

1 Timothy 4:7

References God: 1 Timothy 1:4; 6:11; Acts 24:16; 2 Timothy 2:16; Titus 2:12. **Parallel theme:** 1 Timothy 6:20; 2 Timothy 2:23; 4:4; Titus 3:9; Hebrews 5:14

1 Timothy 4:8

References God: 1 Timothy 6:6; Matthew 6:33. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 37:11; 37:29; Proverbs 19:23; 22:4; Isaiah 3:10; Mark 10:30; Hebrews 13:9. **Covenant:** 1 John 2:25

1 Timothy 4:9 Faith: 1 Timothy 1:15

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Salvation: 1 Timothy 2:4; John 4:42; 1 John 4:14. **Parallel theme:** 1 Timothy 2:6; 1 John 2:2. **References God:** John 1:29

1 Timothy 4:11 Parallel theme: 1 Timothy 5:7; 6:2; 2 Timothy 4:2; Titus 2:15; 3:8

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1 Timothy 4:13 Parallel theme: 1 Timothy 4:6; 4:16; Deuteronomy 17:19; Joshua 1:8; John 5:39; Acts 6:4; 17:11; 2 Timothy 4:2; Titus 2:15

1 Timothy 4:14

Parallel theme: 1 Timothy 1:18; 5:22; Acts 6:6; 13:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; 2 Timothy 1:6

1 Timothy 4:15

Parallel theme: Joshua 1:8; Psalms 104:34; 119:15; 119:48; 119:97; 119:99; 119:148; 143:5; Matthew 5:16; Acts 6:4

1 Timothy 4:16 Parallel theme: 1 Timothy 1:3; 1 Chronicles 28:10; Isaiah 55:11; Ephesians 4:14; 2 Timothy 3:14; 4:2; Titus 1:9; 2:7; Hebrews 12:15; 13:9

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