

Departure  
from the  
Faith

1 Tim. 4:1-5

# **Every generation must beware Satan's schemes.**

- **Eph. 6:12 – Our battle against spiritual forces of wickedness.**
- **1 Cor. 10:19-21 – Idolatry is sacrifice to and fellowship with demons.**
- **2 Cor. 11:12-15 – Opponents of the truth mimic Satan's pretensions.**
- **1 Tim. 4:1-2 – Learn and spread deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.**

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- **Some departures: Relaxing of NT morals.**  
*2 Pet. 2:12-14, 19; Rev. 2:18-22*
- **1 Tim. 4 departure: forbidding of what  
God has created for man's use.**  
*Vs. 3 – marriage, food*
- **Any religion that denies to any person  
what God has given for man's good is a  
false religion.**

**Our God is the God who does not take away good things, but rather gives good things – 3b-4a.**

**What about Bible prohibitions?**

***The devil says God is withholding good things.***

**Gen. 3:1f; 2 Pet. 2:18-19**

***The Bible says God's prohibitions are because He wants only good for us.***

**Deut. 6:24; 10:13 – “For your good.”**

**Rom. 6:21-22 – Fruit to holiness and eternal life.**

**1 Pet. 4:3 – God prohibits things that waste life.**

**Not everything that looks righteous is  
righteous – 4b.**

**Why forbid what God gives and allows?**

***Forbidding things looks awfully righteous!***

**Rom. 14:1-3; 1 Cor. 8:8**

***Some have a form of godliness but deny its  
power.***

**2 Tim. 3:5; Mat. 6:2, 5-7, 16**

**Be careful to have book, chapter and verse to  
assure that what looks righteous is righteous.**

**There is a fundamental difference between a Christian and an unbeliever being married and eating food.**

**The two purposes of God's blessings:**

***Psa. 128:1-4 – For man's happiness.***

***1 Cor. 10:30-31 – For the praise and glory of God.***

**Unbelievers can and do enjoy what God has given – Mat. 5:45; Acts 14:15-17.**

**What is missing in unbelievers' enjoyment?  
The important praise of and glory to God!**

**The false teachers' definition of spirituality:**

***Deny yourself God's blessings.***

**Paul's definition of spirituality:**

***Enjoy God's blessings, but only as you understand from God's word that those blessings are indeed from God, and as you offer up prayers of thanksgiving to God – vs. 5.***