

A SERIOUS WARNING 1 TIMOTHY 4:1-5

I. **A Warning about the Presence of Those who will Depart (1-2).**

A. **The source of the warning (1a).**

Acts 20:29-30: **For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.** Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

Matthew 24:11: Then **many false prophets will rise up** and deceive many.

B. **The time of the departure (1b).**

2 Timothy 3:1: But know this, **that in the last days** perilous times will come.

C. **The nature of the departure (2).**

2 Timothy 2:17: And **their message will spread like cancer.** Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort.

2 John 7: For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. **This is a deceiver and an antichrist.**

II. **A Warning about the Teaching of Those who will Depart (3-5).**

A. **False teaching about personal denial (3).**

1 Corinthians 7:1-2: Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: *It is good for a man not to touch a woman.* Nevertheless, **because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.**

Romans 14:2-4: For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats *only* vegetables. **Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats;** for God has received him.

Colossians 2:16: So **let no one judge you in food or in drink,** or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths.

B. **False teaching that must be refuted (4-5).**

Titus 1:10-11: For there are **many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers,** especially those of the circumcision, **whose mouths must be stopped,** who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain.