

## Study Notes for 1 Timothy 4 (Part 1) :1-5

Read verses 1-5

- Paul is obviously giving a warning in these verses. What is the warning about?
- What authority does Paul attach to this warning? (In other words, why should we heed it?)
- What does it mean to “depart from the faith”?
- Why do you think someone would turn away from the faith?
- How does the Apostle Paul characterize the source of the teachings that will draw people away from Christ? (**verse 1**)
- Paul says that those who “depart from the faith” will be devoted to demonically-inspired teachings. What does it mean to be devoted to something?
- Read **Acts 2:42** as a group. What kind of things are believers supposed to be devoted to?
- Go back and read **1 Timothy 1:18–20**. What do you think of that passage in light of the fact that Paul tells us in 1 Timothy 4:2 that those who lead others astray will do so from a “seared” conscience? (Define a seared conscience.)
- Why is forbidding people to get married and telling people to abstain from certain foods unnecessary and wrong?
- Define legalism.
- What would you tell someone who believed that we need to keep the Sabbath or follow the food laws?
- Describe a time you ran into legalistic thinking either from yourself or someone else.
- Why is legalism so dangerous?
- What’s the best way to steer clear of legalistic thinking?