Signs of the Times

Be Faithful
1Timothy 4:1-10
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1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. ² Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. 3 They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth.

4 For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵ because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer. 6 If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. 7 Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.

8 For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. 9 This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. 10 That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.--(NIV)

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1. Expect A Godless Mess.

1 Timothy 4:1¹ The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.-- (NIV)

A. The Author of the Prediction.

1 Timothy 4:1¹ The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.-- (NIV)

B. The Abandonment of the Faith.

1 Timothy 4:1¹ The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.-- (NIV)

2 Peter 2:22

²² Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud."--(NIV)

1 John 2:18-19

18 Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.-- (NIV)

C. The Advance of False Teaching.

1 Timothy 4:2² Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.-- (NIV)

D. The Abolition of Family.

1 Timothy 4:3³ They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth.-- (NIV)

E. The Abstaining of Food.

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2. Encourage Good Ministers.

1 Timothy 4:6⁶ If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.-- (NIV)

A. Encourage Them To Point Out Sin.

1 Timothy 4:6⁶ If you <u>point</u> these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.-- (NIV)

Romans 16:4

4 who for my life <u>risked their own</u> <u>necks</u>, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles;--(NASB)

B. Encourage Them To Preach Sound Doctrine.

1 Timothy 4:6⁶ If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.-- (NIV)

1 Timothy 4:16

16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.-(NIV)

Titus 2:1

¹ You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine.-- (NIV)



C. Encourage Them To Promote Godliness.

1 Timothy 4:7b⁷ . . . , train yourself to be godly.-- (NIV)



1 Timothy 4:8

⁸ For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.-- (NIV)

D. Encourage Them To Provide Hope.

1 Timothy 4:10¹⁰ That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.-- (NIV)

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