

# GETTING AT THE ROOT

*Seducing Spirits*



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1 Timothy 4:1 - 4 (KJV)

The Great Apostasy

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- <sup>3</sup> 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.
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- The latter times spoken of here in scripture began with the resurrection of Jesus and will continue until His return at which time He will set up His Kingdom and judge all humanity. \*Life Application Study Bible
- This is what is referred to as “The Great Apostasy.” Apostasy is a total desertion of or departure from one's religion, faith, principles, party, cause, etc.
- We see this happening more and more as the hearts and minds of men are being turned from God to other so-called religions of peace, enlightenment, or inclusiveness.

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- The Holy Spirit is speaking for a particular or specific purpose. It is important for us to know and understand what that purpose is.
- What is the purpose of the Spirit speaking?
- From this first verse of scripture, underline or point out, what the specific purpose entail.
- How do you think we do this?
- What would be an example of “seducing spirits?”
- What would be an example of “doctrines of devils?”

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1 Timothy 4:2 (KJV)

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

- What would be an example of someone speaking lies in hypocrisy?
- What does, “having their conscience seared with a hot iron” mean?
- We are to give all the more earnest heed to sound doctrine. If we are not careful, we will fall prey to these things and be led astray. As believers, we are to quickly respond to false teachings that are being promoted.
- Anything that comes to dilute (water down) or sugar coat (add pleasantries) the Word of God we are to reject immediately. If we entertain it we can be sucked into the temptation.

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1 Timothy 4:3 (KJV)

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.

- When we are subjected to doctrines put out by man we are sometimes unnecessarily depriving ourselves of things God intended for us to enjoy.
- God ordained marriage and therefore there is nothing wrong with being married. God never said priests were not to marry. There may have been certain men in the Bible who did not marry but it was not because God forbade them to do so.
- Some meats God did command us not to eat but He did not forbid eating *all* meats.

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1 Timothy 4:4 (KJV)

For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

- Again, God gives us things to enjoy. This does not mean we should abuse them but we are to enjoy them.
- God gives us the gift of good food. How can we at times abuse this gift?
- God gives us the gift of love. How can we at times abuse this gift?
- God gives us the gift of life. How can we at times abuse this gift?
- We should ask for God's blessing on His created gifts that give us pleasure and thank Him for them. \*Life Application Study Bible

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- This passage of scripture lets us know that there are seducing spirits. These seducing spirits are the root spirits that mask other spirits.
- What other spirits do you think are associated with seducing spirits?
- How do these spirits work together to strengthen each other?

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Other spirits at work:

- Hypocritical lies – 1 Timothy 1; Proverbs 12:22
- Deception – Romans 7:11; 2 Timothy 3:13
- Attractions to/Fascination with false prophets, signs and wonders, etc.  
– Mark 13:22
- Seared conscience – 1 Timothy 4:1; James 1:14
- Wanderer from the Truth – Deuteronomy 13:6-8; 2 Timothy 3:13
- Fascination with evil ways, objects, or persons – Proverbs 12:26
- Seducers, enticers – 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 3:13; Proverbs 1:10