

/We will now begin the fifth lecture on 1 Timothy. /At this time we will look at chapter 4. /Chapter 4 gives us instructions for ministry. /Fallacious cults entered the church of Ephesus.

/Thus, Paul wanted to preserve the church through Timothy, /and nurture the believers through the teaching of God's Word. /Today in the Last Days, there are many evil powers and cults that infatuate believers.

/Verses 1-5 teach us that there are powers that entice believers.

/Read verse 1. /The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

/It teaches us that there are spirits that deceive us today in the Last Days. /It says, "The Spirit clearly says." /This means that there will be many deceiving spirits in the Last Days.

/False prophets, /cults, /and evil spirits will deceive the chosen believers. /The devil lurks behind those who teach falsely. /We must not be deceived by spirits and we must preserve the church.

/Then what type of people are easily deceived? /First, they are those whose spirits are not strong. /When we stand firm in God's Word, we will not be deceived. /Those whose spirits are young or unhealthy are deceived because they lack discernment.

/Our spirits must grow so that we may have wisdom to discern between good and evil. /Those whose spirits are childlike lack discernment. /We must grow through the Word of God. /What other types of people are easily deceived?

/They are those whose hearts are greedy. /Those who are greedy are deceived through "greed." /We believers must throw away our greed and live self-sufficiently. /Adam and Eve fell because they were deceived with greed.

/Samson fell because he was deceived by carnal desires. /Jesus' disciple, Judas Iscariot also fell because of greed, and he was deceived by the devil. /Today, many evil spirits deceive people with greed.

/What other types of people are easily deceived? /They are those whose wills are weak. /Those who act according to their mood or feelings are easily deceived. /When we learn the truth of God, we must not be shaken in any circumstance.

/When we resolve to do something, we must not change. /What other types of people are easily deceived? /They are those who do not like the truth of God. /Those who love the truth of God and stand firm in the Word will not be deceived.

/When Jesus was tempted by the devil /as He began His public ministry, /Jesus overcame

the devil's deceit with God's Word and prayer. /We must spiritually arm ourselves daily with prayer and God's Word /so that we would not be deceived.

/We must stand firm in the Word of God, then we will not be deceived. /Jesus was able to defeat the devil through the Word of God. /We must completely arm ourselves /with the Word of God to gain victory.

/It says, "things taught by demons." /Today, the devil modifies the Word of God. /Just as he made Adam and Eve fall in the Garden of Eden, the devil deceives us today. /The teachings of the devil are all lies.

/The devil makes people doubt the Word of God /and puts up walls between God and people. /Today, the devil is the mastermind that destroys the believers' faith. /Those who chase after the teachings of the evil spirits will lose their faith.

/Who are those who receive these false teachings? /Verse 1 says, they are those who first abandon their faith. /When we learn the teachings of God, we can stand firm in our faith. /However, false teachings drive us away from our faith, /and make us grow apart from God.

/Today when we consume bad food, we become ill. /Today, spiritually false teachings make people's spirits grow ill. /Therefore, we must always chase after correct teachings so that our spirits may be healthy, /and then we can stand firm in our faith.

/We must receive correct teachings so that we may grow closer to God and live in faith. /Who are those who teach false teachings? /Verse 2 says, they are those who are hypocritical.

/Read verse 2. /Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

/Those who are hypocritical lack consistency. /They do not feel guilt because their consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. /This means that their consciences have been branded with hot iron.

/Those who have been branded by the devil believe that lies are truth. /They do not feel guilt even when they hear the Word of God. It is difficult for them to receive grace. /They believe that lies are truth.

/They feel no guilt even when they act wickedly. /We must use our consciences so that we feel guilt when we encounter things that go against what our consciences tell us. /However, those whose consciences have been seared become hypocritical.

/We believers must be the same inside and out. /Some people are filled with evil, /but pretend to serve God outwardly. /Thus, Jesus rebuked the Pharisees and Sadducees.

/The Lord rebuked them by calling them hypocrites. /We believers must be truthful in heart before God. /Also, those who have received false teachings lie. /Why do people lie?

/They lie so that they may gain personal advantages. /Lies are qualities of the devil. /Today, those who belong to the devil lie constantly. /Those who belong to the devil also chase after greed.

/Those who belong to the devil doubt God. /The Word of truth is authentic. /Those who learn the Word of God must become genuine people. /Those who are filled with lies are of the devil, /and those who are truthful belong to God.

/God despises lies. /We believers must always live truthfully. /God helps those who are truthful. /God knows whether our words and actions are truthful or not.

/Though people may deceive others through lies, /our God will not be fooled by such lies. /Our God is omniscient and omnipotent and therefore, knows everything. /Those who live for God do not lie.

/There are many people today who lie in the church. /There are many who say they believe, /but are tempted by the false teachings of the devil. /Their hearts are full of lies even though they attend church, /and they lie with their lips.

/Those who have the Lord in their hearts /must live truthfully before God and others. /Those who are truthful in the spiritual battle will have the final victory.

/Paul earnestly asks Timothy /in 1 Timothy, chapter 1. /He says, “holding on to faith and a good conscience. /Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.”

/One must use their conscience on a daily basis so that he can repent when he feels guilt. /We must learn the Word of God, /and live without doubts in our consciences. /We must also plant truth in our lives.

/When we live truthfully, God will see the center of our hearts and acknowledge us. /What were the false teachings?

/Read verse 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.

/The false teachings forbid people to marry. /God is pleased when people get married. /However, those who taught falsely believed that marriage was sin.

/They thought that one had to be abstinent and not get married to be holy. /Yet, God allowed marriage in the Garden of Eden. /Where is the very first residence of man? /It is the Garden of Eden.

/God saw that Adam was alone and said, /“It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” /God took one of Adam’s ribs and created Eve. /Adam and Eve were married before God, and became the first couple to be married.

/Hebrews 13:4 says, /God saw marriage as honorable. /God allowed man and woman to get married /and through them, humanity flourished. /Because humans are weak, God created the marriage system so that man and woman would help and support each other.

/God also allowed marriage to prevent sins. /There are many who indulge in sexual desires /because they are not married. /There are those who cheat on their spouses and commit adultery to satisfy their sexual desires.

/I personally ask young adults this question. /How can one suppress his or her sexual desires? /I advise them to get married and have a healthy married life. /However, those who teach falsely say that marriage is unholy.

/God considered proper marriage to be precious. /There is another false teaching. /Verse 3 says, “abstain from certain foods.” /These people demanded extreme fasting. /They claimed that one needed to fast to become holy /and to grow in faith.

/There are people who say that we must avoid meat and only consume vegetables. /Today, God allowed us to eat all kinds of food. /Acts 15:29 says, we must abstain from food sacrificed to idols.

/We must not eat meat of animals that have been strangled, /and we must not eat blood. /However, God gave us animals and fruits and vegetables to eat. /What is important is how we consume these foods.

/Verse 4 teaches, /what God has given us is to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. /God made everything good when he created the heavens and the earth. /Genesis 1 says /that God spoke after he created all things. /“God saw that it was good.” /“God saw that it was good.”

/Everything God gave us is good. /What is important is how we use what is good. /All our possessions and time all belong to the Lord. /We must use it all not in sin or for injustice, /but in what pleases God.

/How much do people love money? /There are those who use money to sin, and there are those who use money for good. /We must use the goods that God gave us for evangelism /and for God.

/However, there are those who take money that they received from God /and use it for debauchery, /to sin, /and are controlled by the devil. /Then God will see that they are wicked and God will judge them.

/We must always be thankful for what God has given us. /We have received special grace

from God /and we have also abundantly received the grace of nature in this world. /How thankful are we that we can freely breathe air?

/If there were no oxygen, we would not be able to breathe and all die. /Yet, God gave us oxygen for free. /We must thank God every time we breathe. /God also gave us water to drink.

/God has given us all of creation in this world. /All of God's creation is beautiful and good. /Therefore, we must accept everything with thankfulness to God.

/We must always be thankful for God's special grace, /and also for natural grace. /I pray that you will give thanks as you eat your daily food. /How precious is God's goodness as we see through nature?

/God did not create anything for evil. /There is nothing we can throw away that God gave us.

/Verse 5 teaches, "because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer."

/Read verse 5. /because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

/One is not holy because he avoids marriage, /and one is not holy because he avoids food, /but is holy when he properly uses the Word of God.

/It is not important whether one eats or doesn't eat, /or whether one gets married or doesn't, /but what is important is whether something glorifies God or doesn't. /Why do I eat and drink this?

/We must eat and gain strength /for the glory of God, /and we must pray to God /and serve God. /The fact that we are used by God can bring glory to God.

/We must get married for the glory of God. /How can a married couple serve God well? /In a marriage, there is one spouse who has good faith and one who has weaker faith. /Therefore, when two people get married, they can help each other and serve God, and give glory to God.

/We must obey God's Word in our daily lives. /What did God tell us? /We are to meditate on God's Word in our hearts and put God's Word into practice.

/The Word of God makes us clean. /When we follow after the Word of God, we can walk in goodness and righteousness. /It also says, be consecrated by "prayer." /We must pray continuously to God and use everything appropriately.

/We must not chase after false teachings. /We must use everything according to the Word of God /for his glory.

/Verses 6-12 say, /train yourselves to be godly. /Read verse 6. /If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.

/It says, “be a good minister.” /What type of people are good ministers? /Good ministers are those who keep God at the center as they work for God. /Today in the church, there are two types of ministers.

/There are those who use their positions in the church for themselves, /and there are those who work for God in their hearts. /We must take a good look at ourselves. /Am I a good minister or a bad minister?

/If we have been called by God and have been made ministers by God, /we must now become ministers who work for God. /It says to point these things out to the brothers as good ministers.

/When our brothers walk down the wrong path, we must help them realize what is wrong. /My brother, my sister, come back. /If you love your brothers and sisters in Christ, /you must not stay put when you see them walking down wrong paths.

/We must help them see and lead them down the correct path. /We must be good ministers and help our brothers realize these things /and nurture them with the Word of God. /God is looking for good ministers in this generation.

/The ministers in the church today /must transform into good ministers. /God knows whether one is a good minister or a bad minister. /Thus, God will judge us at the time of judgment according to what we did.

/The good and faithful minister will receive amazing grace and blessings in the kingdom of God, /and the bad minister will receive God’s judgment and be thrown away. /Verse 7 says, train yourselves to be godly.

/Read verse 7. /Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.

/What must we throw away before we train ourselves to be godly? /It says to have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales. /The old wives’ tales are the things that blaspheme against God.

/It refers to those who use God’s name in vain, /and those who call on God’s name without faith. /They are those who use the name of God for their personal gain. /We must throw away old wives’ tales /and godless myths.

/“Godless myths” refer to stories about God that man has made up. /We must boldly throw these away so that we may train ourselves to be godly. /To be godly here means to /not be tainted by the world, /and protect oneself to live rightly before God.

/Godliness also means to /become like God in his nature /and character. /We must worship God with clean consciences, /and must strive to be like God through his Word.

/We must live according to the Word of God. /We must practice and train to become godly. /Does an athlete receive the gold medal without training? /No, he works hard to win a medal.

/Athletes sometimes do not eat so that they can practice, /lose sleep, /and do not play even though they want it. /They thoroughly take good care of themselves and have self-control. /Our lifestyles in the church are one part of training.

/How we pray is one part of training. /Those who are faithful in praying daily /and live with God close to them /will gain relationships with God /and become more and more like God.

/Today, husbands and wives /become similar when they live together for a long time. /When people attend one church for a long period of time, /they will become like the church leaders. /We must receive training of our faith through prayer, /and then we can become like the Lord.

/We must vigorously train with the Word of God so that we may become godly. /You must diligently read the Bible in your homes, /and you must meditate on the Word of God in your daily lives.

/We need faith to put God's Word into action in our lives. /What did God tell me? /How was I blessed through his Word during worship at church? /We must put God's Word into action in our lives, and then we can become godly people.

/When we don't train ourselves in our faith, /we will be swept away by the world and become people of the world. /Hence, in order to live in faith, /we must sometimes suffer physically, /and be shunned by people of the world.

/However, we must live in faith to live godly lives. /We must live godly lives so that we may receive blessings from God on this earth and in heaven.

/Verse 8 says, /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.

/We exercise to be healthy. /We take part in sports, /go hiking, /and walk. /Then we can maintain physical health. /Godliness holds promise for both the present life and the life to come.

/When we live godly in today's world, /God will bless us. /1 Peter 2:9 says, /God rescues godly men from trials and hardships. /Today, the world is tainted by sin and will receive God's judgment.

/Still, God seeks those who are godly and God rescues them. /We all know Noah in the Bible. /During Noah's generation, the world was filled with sin. /God judged the world with a flood.

/However, Noah obeyed God and prepared an ark. /Noah did not follow the people of the world but obeyed God. /Through Noah's godly living, /he and his family were saved when the world was destroyed.

/Noah completely obeyed God's orders. /"Noah! Build an ark." /Noah obeyed by saying, "Yes." /"Noah! There is a lot of water so go into the ark." /Noah again obeyed by saying, "Amen."

/Noah spent one year in the ark /but he did not complain or resent God. /After God judged the world, /he dried up the water. /Then God told Noah, "Come out of the ark."

/Then Noah obeyed and came out of the ark. /No matter what moment in time, when one lives in godliness, /God will most surely save him. /Godly people will receive blessings when they go before God.

/We must practice being godly in our families and in the church. /We must take time to pray /in our daily lives, /take time to meditate on God's Word, /and continue to maintain a proper relationship with God.

/Can only pastors maintain godly lives? /Verse 9 says, /all people can receive this. /Today, God desires that all believers live godly lives. /We must most certainly do so as God's children.

/We are not of this world but we belong to heaven. /We are not children of the devil but are children of God, and thus, we must live godly lives. /We must not only serve God well in the church, but serve God in every aspect of our lives.

/Too many Christians are being swept away by the world. /Why do believers become secularized and why are they swept away by the world? /This is because Christians lack vitality and ability.

/We need abilities in order to rule and govern the world. /Then we can protect our faith and resist being swept away by the world. /It also says, we labor and strive for this.

/Read verse 10. /(and for this we labor and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe.

/We labor and strive to live godly lives. /We must pour out all our hearts so that we may live godly lives. /Why does it say to labor and strive to live godly lives?

/Verse 10 says, "put our hope in the living God." /We must not put our hope in the world.



/Our hope is in God. /We have eternal hope in God.

/Those who do not have hope are swept away by the world. /Our hope is the kingdom of God, /and the subject of our hope is God. /We must put our hope in waiting for the Lord and meeting the Lord. /We must hope to become more and more like the Lord.

/God is the Savior of all who believe. /“The Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe,” /means that God will save all who live godly lives.

/God saves us from hardships and trials, /from the false teachings of the world, /and from the temptations of evil spirits. /We are safe when God saves us.

/Today, God protects and saves those who strive for godliness. /God told Timothy in verse 11. /“Command and teach these things.” /We must make commands.

/We must command those who serve God, /“Do not be tainted by the world /and take care of yourself that you may live a godly life.” /We do not have the choice to obey or disobey this command.

/We must absolutely obey God’s command. /Today, many believers do not obey and therefore, suffer many losses in their lives. /What has God commanded me to do today?

/God gave us commands so that we would gain benefits in our lives. /When one obeys God’s commands, he can become a blessed believer.

/God also said to teach these things. /We must first learn and receive grace, /then we must properly teach others and be more and more like the Lord.

/Here we will conclude the fifth lecture on 1 Timothy. /Thank you.