

Thank God for his Goodness

1 Timothy 4.1-5

1. A Solemn Warning, vs1-3a

*“some will abandon the faith
and follow deceiving spirits” v1*

- **don't be deceived v1**
by false spiritualities
Mat 24.4-5,10-13
abandoning God's truth
leaves us open to Satan's lies
John 8.44; Gen 3.1-5; 2 Cor 2.11
e.g. doubts, false promises, it's OK
- **test every spirit 1 John 4.1-3**
to see if it's from God
not everything 'spiritual' is Christian
the test: is Jesus honoured?
or is it simply about my own
personal fulfilment?

“we make it our goal to please HIM “

2 Cor 5.9

keep hold of the faith 3.9,16

➤ ***avoiding deception v2***

- guard your conscience

good = aligned with God's word

1.5,19

clear = nothing to hide 3.9

seared = desensitised, silenced

- maintain your integrity

in actions and words

- take care who you listen to

don't be moulded by society

Rom 12.2

➤ ***false spirituality v3***

denigrates creation gifts

- urge to merge, need to eat

reality is found in Jesus

Col 2.16-23

2. A Sparkling Affirmation, vs3b-5

- *everything God created is good*
Gen 1.31
- *everything is to be enjoyed* **6.17**
within limits for our good
1 Cor 6.12; 10.23
- *everything is to be offered
back to God in thanksgiving
through Scripture-based prayers*
James 1.17
overflow with thankfulness!
Col 2.7; 1 Thess 5.16-18