



# How to Ensure Salvation both for Yourself and Your Family

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## 1 Timothy 4:1-16

Satan wants to take your family to hell

But

the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith,  
paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,

<sup>2</sup>by means of the hypocrisy of liars

seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,

<sup>3</sup>men who forbid marriage *and advocate* abstaining from foods,

which God has created to be gratefully shared in

by those who believe and know the truth.

<sup>4</sup>For

everything created by God is good,

and

nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with gratitude;

<sup>5</sup>for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.

## How to Ensure Salvation

1 <sup>6</sup>In pointing out these things to the brethren,

you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus,

*constantly* nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine

which you have been following.

<sup>7</sup>But

have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women.

On the other hand,

2 discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;

<sup>8</sup>for

bodily discipline is only of little profit,

but

godliness is profitable for all things,

since it holds promise for the present life and *also* for the *life* to come.

<sup>9</sup>It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance.

<sup>10</sup>For

it is for this we labor and strive,

because we have fixed our hope on the living God,

who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.

3<sup>11</sup>Prescribe and teach these things.

<sup>12</sup>Let no one look down on your youthfulness,

but

*rather* in speech, conduct, love, faith *and* purity,

4 show yourself an example of those who believe.

<sup>13</sup>Until I come,

5 give attention to the *public reading of Scripture*, to exhortation and teaching.

6<sup>14</sup>Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you,

which was bestowed upon you through prophetic utterance

with the laying on of hands by the presbytery.

## Application

<sup>15</sup>Take pains with these things;

be *absorbed* in them,

so that your progress may be evident to all.

<sup>16</sup>Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching;

persevere in these things;

for

as you do this

you will **ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.**

## Notes

Note # *Satanic influence*

**2 Corinthians 11:12** ...what I am doing, I will continue to do, that I may cut off opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the matter about which they are boasting.

<sup>13</sup> For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds.

**2 Timothy 2:25** ...correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,

<sup>26</sup> and they may come to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

**Ephesians 2:2** ...you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

**Ephesians 6:12** ...our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Note #2 *security in Christ*

**John 10:27** "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

<sup>28</sup> and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.

<sup>29</sup> "My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand.

<sup>30</sup> "I and the Father are one."

**John 18:8** Jesus answered, "I told you that I am *He*; if therefore you seek Me, let these go their way,"

<sup>9</sup> that the word might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom Thou hast given Me I lost not one."

**Romans 8:28** And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

<sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;

<sup>30</sup> and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us?

*All scripture is from the NASV. 1 Timothy 4 is in the form of a phrase-by-phrase breakdown.*

*The words and word order have not been changed.*