

June 29, 2016
“How to Spot a Fake”
1 Timothy 4; 6:3-5

I. Godless Teaching (4:1-5)

- A. Apostasy “Now the spirit explicitly says that in later times some will depart from the faith...” (1)**
- B. Angels “Paying attention to deceitful spirits and the teaching of demons, through the hypocrisy of liars” (1-2).**
- C. Anesthetic “Whose consciences are seared” (2)**
- D. Abstention: “Forbid marriage” (3) “Demand abstinence from foods that God created to be received with gratitude by those who believe and to know truth” (3)**
- E. Approved “Since it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer” (5)**

II. Genuine Truths (4:6-16)

A. Advance on Godliness (4:6-10)

- 1. Things to Command “If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good servant of Jesus Christ...” (6)**
- 2. Things to Cast off “But have nothing to do with irreverent and silly myths” (7)**
- 3. Things to Cherish “Rather train yourself in godliness, the training of the body has a limited benefit, but godliness is beneficial in every way, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come” (7b-8)**
- 4. Things to Commit “For this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe” (10)**

B. Guidelines for Ministry (4:11-16)

- 1. Preach “command and teach these things” (11)**
- 2. Pattern “be an example to the believers” (12)**
- 3. Proclaim “Till I come, give attention to...” (13) “reading” “exhortation” “doctrine”**
- 4. Practice – “Do not neglect the gift that is in you, it was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of the hands by the council of elders” (14)**
- 5. Progress “Practice on these things; be committed to them so that your progress may be evident to all” (15)**
- 6. Persevere “Pay close attention to your life and your teaching; persevere in these things, for by doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.” (16)**

III. Greedy Traits (3-5)

A. Marks of a Fake (3-5a) ***“If anyone teaches other doctrine and does not agree with the sound teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ and with the teaching that promotes godliness, he is...”***

“conceited” (blinded with pride)

“understanding nothing” (ignoramus)

“sick interest in disputes and arguments over words”

“envy” (jealousy)

“quarreling” A lack of a spiritual outlook will result in strife.

“slander” (defamations-treating people like things)

“evil suspicions” (insinuations, malicious innuendos)

“constant disagreement among people whose minds are deprived of the truth”

“deprived of the truth”

B. Message of a Fake (5b) ***“Who imagine that godliness is a way to material gain.”***

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