

1 Tim 4 The Apostasy



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v.1 **The Spirit says explicitly**

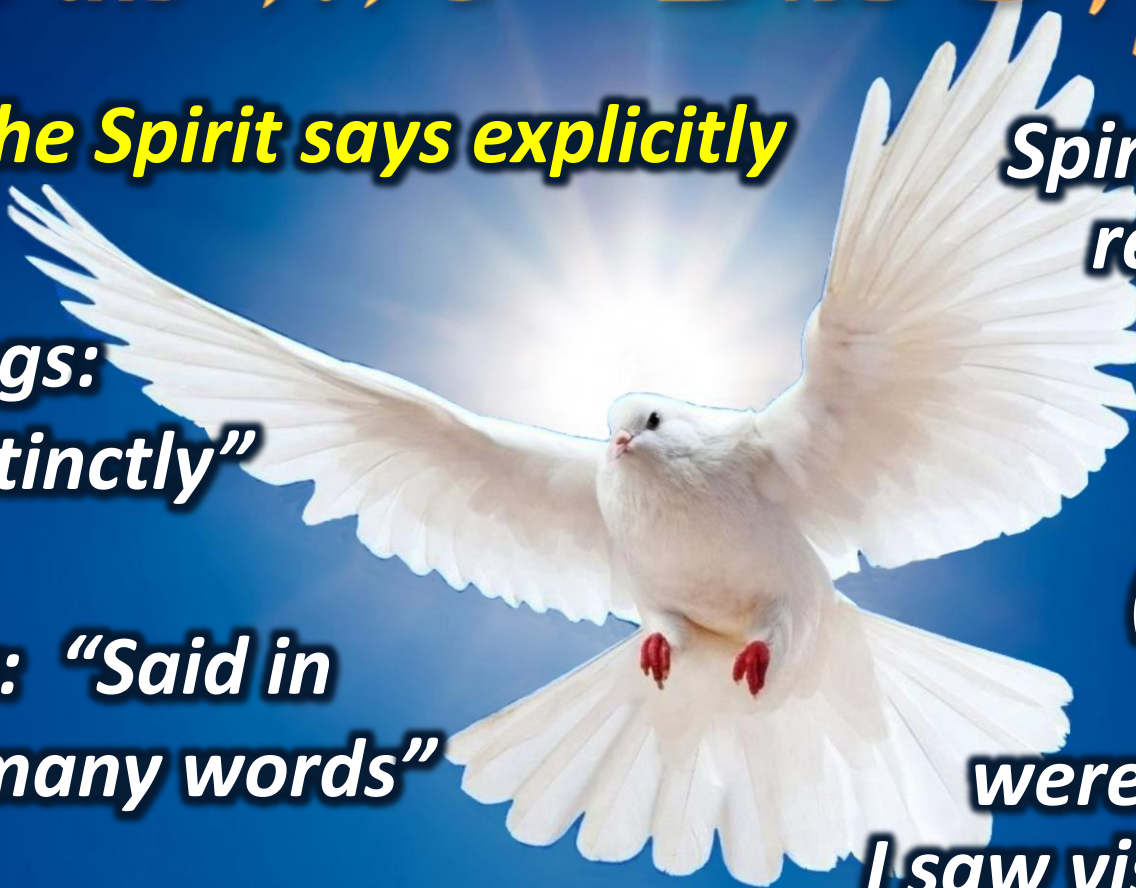
Spirit sometimes
revealed truth
in **visions**:

Strong's:
"Distinctly"

Louw: "Said in
so many words"

(Ezk:1:1-16)
The heavens
were opened and
I saw visions of God.

In this case, for Paul tells Timothy that it was
"**Word for Word.**" (1 Cor 2:13)



1 Tim 4:1 In Later Times..

Latter times: Christianity began & Judaism ends.

(Isa 2:2) In the **last days** the mountain of the Lord's House will be established as chief of the Mtns
(Acts 2:16f) **This is what** was spoken by prophet Joel.. **In the last days** I will pour forth of my Spirit..
(Heb 1:2) **These last days** He spoke to us in His Son.
(2Tim 3:1) In the **last days** difficult days will come..
(Jas 5:3) In **last days** you stored up your treasure.
(2Pet 3:3) In the **last days** mockers will come

1 Tim 4:1 Some will Fall..

*1 Tim 4:1 Some will from
the faith, paying attention
to deceitful spirits
and **doctrines
of demons.***

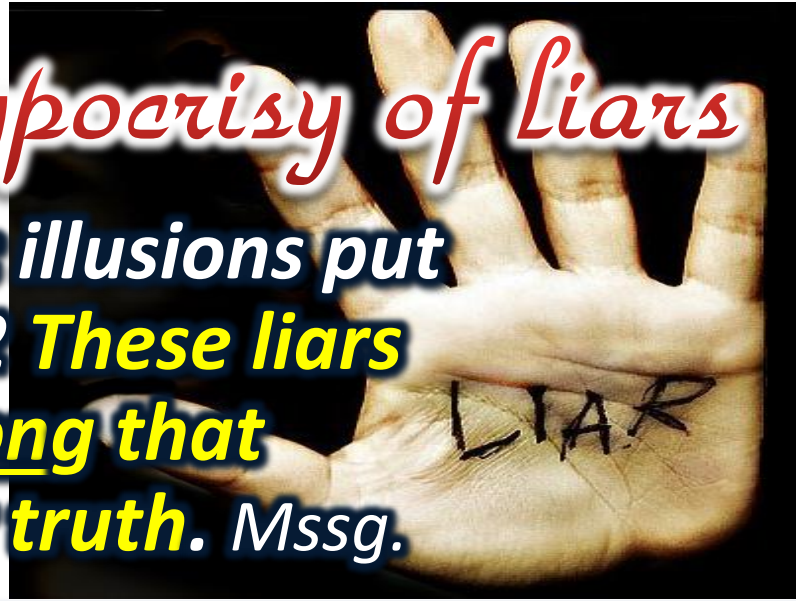
*Don't let it
surprise you!
It was prophesied!*

*Origin is **Satan**
(2Cor 4:4; 11:13-14)
But it is propagated
thru others! (Gal 1:6-9)*

*Remember, it **is Possible to Fall !**
Gal 5:4; 1Cor 8:11; Heb 6:4-6; 2Pet 2:22).*

1 Tim 4:2 By the hypocrisy of liars

Hypocrisy of liars: Demonic illusions put forth by professional liars. v 2 **These liars have lied so well and for so long that they've lost their capacity for truth.** Mssg.



Joseph Smith— His Book of Abram **not** about Abram

C. Russell JW Millions now living will never die. 1920

Mary B. Eddy— “Christian Science” No sin, sickness, death, evil, Satan. **But they all get sick & die !**

Ron L. Hubbard: Ch of Scientology 75 M yrs ago evil Xneu dropped aliens in earth volcanoes & nuked ‘em

Jim Jones: People’s Temple. **David Koresh** Branch Davidians. **Peter Popoff**— crooked Charismatic.

1 Tim 4:2 Seared in Own Conscience

Hypocrisy: < hupo kri - sis >

Acting a pretended part.

Seared with a hot iron:

< kau - te - ridzo >

Louw: Unwilling to learn
from one's conscience.

Strong's: By implication, render insensitive.

Titus 1:15 To those who are defiled
& unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both
their mind and their conscience are defiled.

1 Tim 4:3 Who forbid Marriage

Many Gnostics taught that sex should be avoided under the notion **that sex tainted the spirit** which was striving towards God. Hence celibacy was part of their religious obligation.



Cults often require celibacy : Jesus Army; Branch Davidians; Shakers Prophet “Mother Ann” believed sex is main cause of sin. Did speaking in tongues & ecstatic dancing (shaking). She was ♀ 2nd coming.

The Archbishop of Vienna Christopher Schonborn, **most senior Catholic official to link priestly celibacy to the rampant sexual abuse** which scandalized the Catholic Church. 2010

*1 Tim 4:3 And advocate abstaining
from foods which God has created...*

*to be gratefully shared in by those
who believe and know the truth.*

**Some Gnostics deprived themselves of food,
water or necessary needs for living. (Col 2:21 -23)**

"Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch."

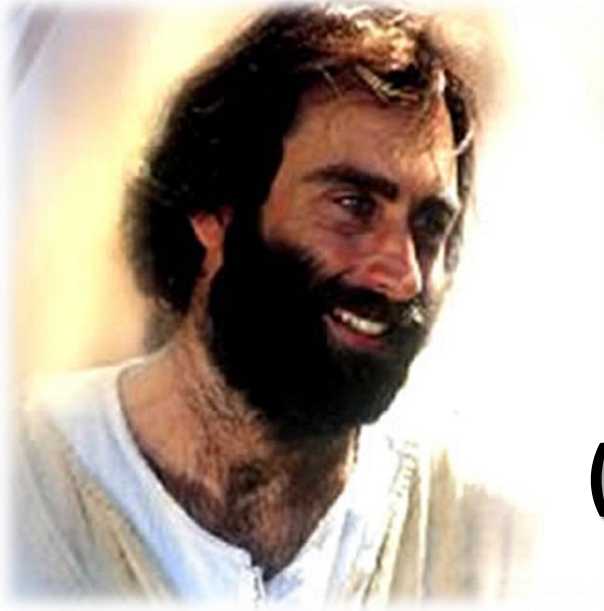
**Seventh Day Adventists adhere to OT Dietary Laws
(Deut 14; Lev 11). Obedience to these laws means
*abstinence from pork, shell fish and foods said to
be unclean. They recommend a vegetarian diet.***

*1 Tim 4:4 Nothing is to be rejected, if it
is received with gratitude*

**It is permitted by the
authority of God.**

**v.5 for it is sanctified by means of the *Word of
God and prayer.* (prayer of gratitude v.4)**

1 Tim 4:6-16 Duties & Discipline of a Preacher



1 Tim 4:6 In pointing out these things... (*Truth on apostasy, purity of marriage & food.*)

(*Hupo-ti-themenos*) BGD
“to make known, teach.” (v.1-5)

v.6 You will be a good servant of Christ (diakonos)

Various in senses, including preachers. (1Cor 3:5) “What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed.”

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v.6 Constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine ...

Sound {Kalos good. 2570}

Thayers: "True and approved teaching"

2 Tim 4:2 " **Preach the Word...** v.3 for the time will come when **they will not endure sound doctrine**; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accord to their own desires."

Titus 2:1 "But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for **sound doctrine**."

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v.6 Constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the *sound doctrine* ... Which you have been following...

“*Since childhood* you’ve known the sacred writings... that leads to salvation” (2 Tim 3:15)

***Late teens* “Timothy was well spoken of by the brethren in Antioch & Iconium” (Acts 16:2)**

***And Now as a young man.* (1 Tim 4:12)**

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v.7 Have nothing to do with Worldly.. Bebelos,
“Profane, ungodly, unhallowed.” Thayer

Fables— Muthos 3454: “Myth, Fiction.”

Acts of John: “Jesus left no footprints when he walked.”

Acts of Paul: A woman “Thecla went underground from Seleucia to Rome to be near Paul.” 2,000 miles.

Acts of Thomas: Thomas instructed donkeys to exorcise demons which dwelt in a woman’s body.

Book of Infancy: Jesus killed a boy who bumped into him ch 19. Jesus made boards longer or shorter by stretching out his hands ch 16.

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1 Tim 4:7 **Discipline** yourself for the purpose of godliness.

1 Tim 4:7 **Train** yourself to be godly. NIV

Gymnazo

To **exercise** vigorously, in body or mind.

Of one who **strives** earnestly to become godly. Thayer's



**SPIRITUAL
DISCIPLINES**

2 Peter 1:5-8 Applying **all diligence**, add to your faith...

Heb 5:14
Because of practice have 'your' **senses trained to** discern good and evil.

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1 Tim 4:8 For bodily **discipline** (gymnasia) is only *of little profit*...



Exercise Has Value: Improves mood, decreases weight, minimizes the chance of diabetes, stroke, heart-attack, cancer, osteoporosis and increases brain function & minimizes the chance of dementia.

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1 Tim 4:8 But Godliness is profitable for all things.

Since it holds promise for
The present Life and The Life to Come.

**Your Health, Happiness, Friendships, Self-esteem,
Confidence, Your Children, Their Children.**

**Heavenly City, Glorified Body, God's Presence,
100 Brillion Angels, Eternal Life with Saved,
Absolute Beauty, Unimaginable Joy!**

**1 Tim 4:10 It is a trustworthy statement deserving
full acceptance. [You can trust God totally]**

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1 Tim 4:10 For it is *for this we labor and strive*..

We Labor (Ko-pi-a-o)
**Fatigued by hard
work.**

& Strive (A gon iz omai).
**To enter a contest in
the games. Thayer**



“To enter an intense struggle.” Louw

**v.10 Because we have fixed our hope on the
living God who is the savior of all men
[in potential] *especially of believers.***

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1 Tim 4:11

Command
and teach
these
things.

NIV, ESV,
NKJV, NCV

Thayers:
To command,
order, charge.
(1 Tim 4:11)

Kittle “Used for:
military orders, precepts, legal statutes & demands.

1 Timothy 4:12 Prove Yourself

1 Tim 4:12 Let no one look down on your **youthfulness**, but rather show yourself an example:

"Faith" We trust God and live a life based on faith.

"Purity" Important in a corrupt world. Ephesus was a center for sexual impurity & Timothy served here.

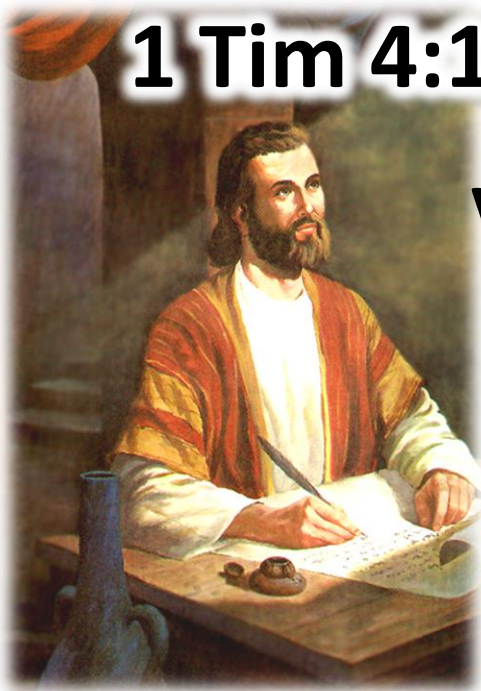
"Speech" our words are honest & loving (Eph 4:15)

"Conduct" Appropriate, self-less, honoring, godly.

"Love" *agape* Regard with affection & loving concern based on sincere appreciation & high regard. *Louw*

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1 Tim 4:12-16 Concluding Responsibilities



v.13 Pay attention to ***public** [NAS; ESV]
reading scripture [also Rev 1:3]
exhortation, teaching.

v.14 **Do not neglect the gift** within you
(2Tim 1:6) “By my hands”

v.15 **Take pains** and be absorbed in them that
your **progress** may be evident to all.

v.16 **Pay close attention to yourself & your doctrine**
for in so doing you will ensure salvation to
yourself and them that hear you