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5 WARNINGS CONCERNING FAITH TO TIMOTHY

(1 Tim. 4:1-6)

INTRODUCTION - (2 Tim. 4:7) "... I have kept the faith ..." that's the goal!

1. (1 Tim. 1:18-20) "... which some having put away concerning faith have made ship-wreck"

(v20) Paul mentions two by name, who "blaspheme."

Don't "ship-wreck" your faith by "backsliding." (Jer. 8:4-5; Hosea 11:7)

2. (1 Tim. 4:1-3) "... some shall depart from the faith ..."

There are "doctrines" that will "take us away" from the faith.

Jesus warned: (Matthew 7:15; Matthew 15:3, v6, v9)

Paul warned: (Acts 20:29-30) "... speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples ..."

John warned: (1 John 4:1) "Beloved, believe not every spirit ..."

3. (1 Tim. 5:7-8) "... he has denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel (unbeliever)"

Provide spiritually - (Deut. 6:4-9; Eph. 6:4)

Provide physically - in our text, "if any provide not for his own"

4. (1 Tim. 6:7-19) (v10) "... they have erred from the faith ..."

"erred" - wandered away; been led astray; turned away from; forsaken the right path.

The stated cause in the text: "love of money ... which some covet after"

To avoid this "error" - (v17-18) "God, who gives richly all things to enjoy;
that they do good .. good works ... distribute ... communicate ..."

Jesus gave a similar warning - (Luke 12:15, v21)

5. (1 Tim. 6:20-21) "... which some professing have erred concerning the faith"

The "error" is grasping at unproven theories for your faith.

People turn to foolish sources for knowledge: clairvoyants, palmists, mystics,
spiritualists, astrological signs, witchcraft, etc.

Warning - (Ex. 22:18; Lev. 19:31, 20:6, v27; Isa. 47:9; Deut. 18:9-14)

CLOSE - Keep the faith!

(John 6:66-70) "... Will ye also go away? ... Lord, to whom shall we go?

Thou hast the words of eternal life ..."

(John 14:6) "... no man comes to the Father, but by me."