

INTRODUCTION

(2 Timothy 4:7) "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith"
(1 Peter 1:9) "receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls"

CONSIDER PAUL'S 5 WARNINGS TO TIMOTHY - don't let this happen to you!

1. (1 Tim. 1:18-19) " ... concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck"

(v20) Paul mentions two by name: "Hymenaeus and Alexander"
Don't "ship-wreck" your faith by taking yourself "out of service."
(Jeremiah 8:4-5; Hosea 11:7) "bent on backsliding"

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

Paul warned the elders of this possibility: (Acts 20:29-30) "
Jesus warned His disciples: (Matthew 7:15) "Beware of false prophets ... "
So, be spiritually prepared: (2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Thess. 5:21; Acts 17:11)

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

Provide spiritually for your family: (Deut. 6:4-9; Eph. 6:4)
Provide physically for your family: (text)

4. (1 Tim. 6:6-19) (v10) "some have strayed from the faith in their greediness"

Other translations say: "erred" "wandered away" "led astray from the faith"
The cause: (v10) "For the love of money is the root of all evil ... "
So, (v17-19) "Command those who are rich ... not to trust in uncertain riches ...
enjoy ... be rich in good works ... lay hold on eternal life."
Our treasure comes with a warning: (Luke 12:15, v21)

5. (1 Tim. 6:20-21) "by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith"

Some people grasp at unproven theories.
People turn to "babblings" and "what is falsely called knowledge"

Clairvoyants, palmists, spiritualists, astrological signs, witchcraft, etc.
(Ex. 22:18; Lev. 19:31, 20:6, v27; Isaiah 47:9-11; Deut. 18:9-14)

CLOSE - (John 6:66-69, 14:6, 20:30-31)