

The Gospel's Effect In Guarding Against Apostasy

1 Timothy 4:1-5

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Main Idea: Pastors and churches should guard against False Christians, False Teachers, and False Teachings and must combat them with the truth of God's Word.

I. Be On Guard Against False Christians, False Teachers, and False Teachings (vs. 1-3).

- A. Timothy should not be surprised by the apostasy that's happening in his church because the Holy Spirit prophesied this would happen.
- B. Those who depart from the faith were never truly Christians.
- C. Those who depart from the faith devoted themselves to bad (demonic) theology.
- D. Bad (demonic) theology entered the Ephesian church through men who belonged to Satan.
- E. The shocking reality of the bad theology – ascetism.
- F. Ascetism is anti-gospel.

II. We Combat False Christians, False Teachers, and False Teachings with the Truth Of God's Word (vs. 4-5).

- A. God's Word is the authority for what is Good.
- B. God's Word is the bases for why Christians are to enjoy what God has called good.
- C. God's Word keeps us from being led astray by False Teachers and their false teaching.