

1 Timothy 4:1-5

One Point: Let your conscience be your guide

1. What is the best advice you have ever received? How did it help you?
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Read v. 1-2

1. What are some false teachers you have heard of in the past? Why did people follow them?

Abandon - *aphistēmi* – Apostasy – a desertion or departure from previously held principles

2. Why do people abandon their faith in God?
 3. What are some clues that help us discern whether or not a leader is a false teacher? (1 John 4:1-6) What would be a biblical approach to take if you were concerned about the doctrine or behavior of a church leader?
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Read v. 3-5

1. What makes it difficult to differentiate between good and bad doctrine?
 2. Why is gratitude for what God has given us so important in fighting false teaching?
 3. What are some ways you can help your pastors spend more time in the Word of God and prayer?
 4. What specific actions are you engaged in to train yourself to be godly so you won't succumb to false teaching?
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What I will be talking about

Keep your conscience good and clear by doing the right thing and holding on to Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 12:2 – “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Then your doctrine will not be swayed as it says in James 1 like someone who is being swayed left and right like waves of the sea. You will stand firm.

Let the Spirit guide you.

A believer cannot discover new doctrines – Solomon said there is nothing new under the sun. You need to remain true to what you know and what your conscience (the Holy Spirit) is telling you based on what you have studied in the Word. You must know what the enemy is teaching but not be influenced by it. A chemist may handle poisons but will do whatever it takes to make sure they don't get into his body.