

Winter Series: 1 Timothy: *Stay the Course!*

- * Written by Paul to Timothy to help him:
- * Stay on track
- * Grow in his faith
- * Strengthen the church in Ephesus
- * "**Stay the course**" is a **phrase** used in the context of a war or battle meaning to pursue a goal regardless of any obstacles or criticism.

Lesson 7: 1 Timothy 4: Sound Doctrine & Living


- 1. Warning – false teachers and teachings**
- 2. Apply yourself to your ministry**
- 3. Be a good example!**

1 Timothy 4, NIV


- * The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. ² Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.**

***³ They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. ⁴ For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵ because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.**

*** ⁶ If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. ⁷ Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.**





*** ⁸ For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. ⁹ This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance.**



*** ¹⁰ That is why we labor and strive,
because we have put our hope in the
living God, who is the Savior of all
people, and especially of those who
believe.**

*** ¹¹ Command and teach these things. ¹² Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. ¹³ Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.**

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- * ¹⁴ Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.**
 - * ¹⁵ Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress.**



*** ¹⁶ Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.**

1. Warning – false teachers and teachings

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- * abandon the faith and
- * follow deceiving spirits and
- * things taught by demons.
- * They forbid people to . . .

2. Apply yourself to your ministry

- * train yourself to be godly.
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Pastoral Priorities:

- * devote yourself to
- * the public reading of Scripture,
- * to preaching and
- * to teaching.

3. Be an example!

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The Big 5:

*** set an example for the believers in**

- 1. speech,**
- 2. in conduct,**
- 3. in love,**
- 4. in faith and**
- 5. in purity.**

Hebrews 4.14-16

*** ¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses,**



*** but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**