



Everything Created by God is Good

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Introduction

In this sermon we learn about the reality of false teachings and the importance of the doctrine of common grace.

The Text: 1 Timothy 4:1-5

¹Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, ²through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, ³who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

1) God wants us to be warned that there are many false teachings that will influence those who once claimed to follow Christ (v. 1).

2) There are three common traits of those in the business of false teachings (vv. 2-3).

a) They are hypocritical liars.

b) They have seared consciences.

c) They twist common grace.

3) There are three common traits of those who understand the common grace gifts of God (vv. 4-5).

a) They receive common grace gifts with thanksgiving.

b) They rely on the guidance of Scripture.

c) They seek the will of God in prayer.

Response

An assignment: spend this week celebrating the many common grace gifts of God in your life.

Sunday Text Questions for 1 Timothy 4:1-5 (“Entrusted to You” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: How can a Christian tell when a teaching or a teacher is unbiblical?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Why does Paul attribute the warning of false teachers to “the Spirit” (v. 1), and why might that be significant?
- 4) Paul teaches us that “deceitful spirits and ... demons” will spread false teachings “through” human teachers (vv. 1-2). How does that increase the severity of the evil and deception?
- 5) Without necessarily naming names, where might false teachings be found in America today?
- 6) What can Hope Church as a whole or you as an individual do to recognize and respond to false teachings and false teachers?
- 7) Why would false teachers twist common grace gifts from God like marriage or food (v. 3)?
- 8) Paul made an important statement at the beginning of v. 4: “everything created by God is good.” How should that cause us to appreciate and be grateful for every detail of the created world and every aspect of human life?
- 9) Paul directs us not to reject God’s common grace gifts as long we are thankful, use them in line with Scripture, and prayerfully seek God’s will for them. How might this biblical principle help Christians think rightly about the use of things like alcohol, movies, family, food, or money?
- 10) Read Ecclesiastes 9:7-10. How does this text give a good exhortation to “live thankfully” with the plethora of God’s common grace gifts?

Further study this week: Passages on common grace: Matthew 5:45 (Mon); Romans 13:1 (Tues); Romans 2:14-15 (Wed); Genesis 20:6 (Thurs); Ecclesiastes 9:7-10 (Fri).