1 Timothy
Chapter 4
Student

Contents: The walk of a good minister of **CHRIST**.

Characters: **GOD**, **CHRIST**, **HOLY SPIRIT**, Paul, Timothy.

Conclusion: Good ministers of Jesus **CHRIST** are diligent to instil into the minds of their hearers the fundamental truths of **GOD's WORD**, which will prevent their being seduced by false teachers and drawn away into the apostasy of the last days. They should resist new false revelations, but should be faithful in proclaiming those saving truths which they have received from "Spiritually-led" apostles and **JESUS CHRIST**.

Word Study

Apostacy - 1. *An abandonment of what one has professed; a total desertion, or departure from one's faith or religion.*
2. The desertion from a party to which one has adhered.
3. Among physicians, the throwing off of exfoliated or fractured bone, or the various solution of disease.

Spiritualism - 1. A system of belief or religious practice based on supposed communication with the spirits of the dead, especially through mediums.
IN PHILOSOPHY
2. The doctrine that the spirit exists as distinct from matter, or that spirit is the only reality.

Affinity - a spontaneous or natural liking or sympathy for someone or something.

Key Word: Good minister, 6.

Strong Verses: 1, 8, 12.

Striking Facts: In verses 1-3. satan is shown to be a theologian and makes use of demons in the last days to lead many away into apostasy. (**See Mark 13:22**) Spiritualism is shown as a powerfully destructive force. Two prominent points of its doctrine are seen in verse 3. Abstinence from meat is considered a condition of mediumistic power. Spiritual affinities are taught as against marriage.

Questions:
1. What did Paul tell Timothy to not do? Let his youth be despised and neglect his gift.

2. What should Timothy "give attention to"?

3. What should Timothy and we reject?

4. What were some of the "lies and hypocrises taught"?

5. What errors has the SPIRIT alerted us to?

Discussion Question: What is the difference between *Spiritualism* and *Spirituality*?