

## PAUL TO A "T" 1 TIMOTHY 4

**Pray** and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

**Read** the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

**Begin** to answer the questions using your own words.

*Questions are based on New International Version (NIV) 1984 edition.*

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### Lesson 15 • 1 Timothy 4 • February 8, 2012

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **1 Timothy 3** has been helpful to you?

#### SECTION I: Read 1 Timothy 4:1-5

2. a) In **V1**, according to the Spirit, what is going to happen?

b) What might "later times" mean in this verse?

c) What did Jesus warn would happen in **Matthew 24:11**?

3. a) How are these false teachers characterized by Paul in **V2**?

b) Look back through Chapters 1-3. Find verses where Paul refers to a good or clear conscience, and summarize each one.

c) What is the difference between a good or clear conscience and a conscience seared with a hot iron?

4. a) According to **V3a**, what do the false teachers forbid?

b) In **V3b**, how does Paul describe the things that have been forbidden?

5. a) What truth is stated in **V4**?
- b) Why is everything that God created good (**V5**)? See also **James 1:17**.
6. Is there a rule, practice, or tradition not commanded by God that you are tempted to cling to? What is it and why do you hold on to it?

### **SECTION II: Read 1 Timothy 4:6-8**

7. a) From **V6-7**, what things does one have to do and not do in order to be a good minister of Christ Jesus?
- b) Why is training for Godliness better than physical training, according to **V8**?
- c) Make an assessment of how much of your time you spend training yourself to be Godly as opposed to physical training? What is one practical step you can take to train yourself for Godliness?

### **SECTION III: Read 1 Timothy 4:9-16**

8. What is the trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance in **V9-10**?
9. What do you think the following phrases from **V10** mean?
- a) "God, who is the Savior of all men," (See **1 Timothy 2:4** for additional help.)
- b) "and especially of those who believe." (See **Romans 8:29** for additional help.)
10. a) Paul gives Timothy instructions in **V11-12**. List these instructions.

10. b) What would it look like to set an example in:

- speech \_\_\_\_\_
- life \_\_\_\_\_
- love \_\_\_\_\_
- faith \_\_\_\_\_
- purity \_\_\_\_\_

11. From **V13-14**, what does Paul ask Timothy to do until Paul is able to come to Ephesus?

12. a) In light of Timothy's youth, mentioned in **V12**, what problem do you think Paul was addressing in **V15-16**, and why does he warn Timothy to watch his life and doctrine closely?

b) In **V16b**, to what end does Paul ask Timothy to persevere in life and doctrine, and what do you think it means?

13. Write a specific prayer regarding setting an example based on **V12**.

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### DIGGING DEEPER

In the first part of Chapter 4, Paul addressed the problem of hypocrisy and legalism.

1. Read **Colossians 2:20-23** in which Paul addresses a similar heretical teaching. What initial question puts the heresy into perspective?

2. a) According to **Colossians 2:22b**, on what are these kinds of rules and prohibitions based?

b) In your own words, why is it so tempting to follow them (**Colossians 2:23**)?

3. Read **Matthew 23:23-28** where Jesus criticized the Pharisees for focusing on rules and prohibitions. What did Jesus say was the real problem with this kind of teaching?

4. According to **Galatians 5:1**, what did Christ do for us, and how should we then live?

