



CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: MINISTRY TO ME

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

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TEXT: I TIMOTHY 4:1-5

TITLE: EATING TO LIVE VERSUS LIVING TO EAT:
WHY WE STILL CANNOT EAT IT

SPIRIT SAYS IN THE LATTER TIMES

- A. "Some" will depart from the faith _____
- B. "Some" will give heed to _____
 - 1. Deceiving spirits
 - 2. Doctrines (teachings) of demons
- C. "Some" will speak lies in hypocrisy, whose conscience is branded _____

WHO ARE THE "SOME"? THE Gnostics

- A. Docetism ('to seem') _____
 - 1. Deity cannot unite with anything material
 - 2. Denial of Jesus' humanity (because Jesus, as God, cannot inhabit a human body)
- B. Deprecation and Denunciation of bodily life _____
 - 1. View #1: Since the body is evil and going to be destroyed, it does not matter what you do with the body. Therefore, there are no restrictions on subjecting the body to anything that would be viewed as immoral or evil
 - 2. View #2: Since the body is evil, do not do anything to satisfy the needs of the body. Therefore, one should abstain from any activity that would bring any kind of pleasure or enjoyment to the body.
- C. Asceticism _____
 - 1. Self denial
 - 2. Sex and Food taboos

THEREFORE, THEY TAUGHT...

- A. It is forbidden for people to marry _____
- B. It is commanded that people abstain from foods _____
 - 1. God created to be received with thanksgiving (What foods did God create to be received? Clean)
 - 2. By [FOR] those who believe and know the truth (God's people versus all other people)
 - 3. For every creature of God is good (...for its created purpose)
 - 4. Nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving (Giving thanks does not clean an unclean animal)
 - 5. For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

- A. This story is not about food... _____
- B. This story is about false teachings that will cause some to go against what they have been taught and believe
 - 1. What do I know and believe about Jesus?
 - 2. What do I know and believe about Christianity?