

False & Faulty Faith: End Time Religious Dangers

1. The Danger of Ignorant Teachers – 1 Timothy 1:3-7

³ As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they **teach** no other doctrine, ⁴ nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith. ⁵ Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, [from] a good conscience, and [from] sincere faith, ⁶ from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, ⁷ **desiring to be teachers** of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm. ⁸ But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully, (cf. 6:2-5)

2. The Danger of Role Reversal (Wrong Teachers) – 1 Timothy 2:9-14

⁸ I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; ⁹ in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, ¹⁰ but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. ¹¹ Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. ¹² And I do not permit a woman to **teach** or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴ And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

3. The Danger of Unqualified Leaders – 1 Timothy 3:1-13

¹ This [is] a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. ² A **bishop then must be** blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; ³ not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; ⁴ one who rules his own house well, having [his] children in submission with all reverence ⁵ (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); ⁶ not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the [same] condemnation as the devil. ⁷ Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. ⁸ Likewise deacons [must be] reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, ⁹ holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. ¹⁰ But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being [found] blameless. ¹¹ Likewise, [their] wives [must be] reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. ¹² Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling [their] children and their own houses well. ¹³ For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. (cf. 5:22-25)

4. The Danger of Demonic Teachings – 1 Timothy 4:1-5

¹ Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, **giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons**, ² speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, ³ forbidding to marry, [and commanding] to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴ For every creature of God [is] good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; ⁵ for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

5. The Danger of Weak and Lazy Teachers – 1 Timothy 4:12-16

¹² Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. ¹³ Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. ¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. ¹⁵ Meditate on these things; **give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.** ¹⁶ Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you. (2T 2:1-6)

6. The Danger of Greedy Teachers – 1 Timothy 6:3-10

³ If anyone **teaches** a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, ⁴ he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, ⁵ and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, **imagining that godliness is a means of gain.** ⁶ Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ **For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.**

7. The Dangers of Self Worship, and Self-Defined Worship – 2 Timothy 3:1-5

¹ But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ² For men will be **lovers of themselves**, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God**, ⁵ **having a form of godliness** but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

8. The Danger of Predator Teachers – 2 Timothy 3:6-7

⁶ For of this sort are those who **creep into households and make captives of gullible women** loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, ⁷ **always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth**.

9. The Danger of Openly Resistant Leaders – 2 Timothy 3:8-9

⁸ Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do **these also resist the truth**: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; ⁹ but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

10. The Danger of Deceiving Teachers – 2 Timothy 3:13; Titus 1:10-11

¹³ But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, **deceiving and being deceived**.

¹⁰ For there are many **insubordinate**, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, ¹¹ whose mouths must be stopped, **who subvert whole households**, **teaching** things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain.

11. The Dangers of Itching Ears and of Numerous Teachers – 2 Timothy 4:3-4

³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, [because] **they have itching ears**, they will heap up for themselves **teachers**; ⁴ and they will turn [their] ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

12. The Dangers of Persecution and of Abandoning Helpers – 2 Timothy 3:10-12; 4:9-10

¹⁰ But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹ persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra-- what **persecutions** I endured. And out of [them] all the Lord delivered me. ¹² Yes, and **all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution**.

⁹ Be diligent to come to me quickly; ¹⁰ for **Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world**, and has departed for Thessalonica-- Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.