



# ***Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide***

SERMON DATE: 09/19/2021  
DISCUSSION DATE: 09/26/2021  
TEXT: 1 TIMOTHY 4:1-5

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## ***I. THE THREAT TO FAITH.***

### ***A. A Divine Prediction – Danger: Apostasy Ahead.***

1. Who has spoken?
2. What did the Spirit speak?
3. When did the Spirit speak about?

### ***B. A Deadly Description - Deception in Progress.***

1. A description of the deceived (victims).
2. A description of the deceivers.

### ***C. A Direct Refutation - Expose the Danger.***

1. The standard of measure - The Word of God exposes error.
2. Sanctified by the Word of God.

## ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

What does God want us to desire/value?	What does God want us to know?	What does God want us to do?
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1. **Monday:** Read **1 Timothy 4:1-5; Luke 8:13; Hebrews 3:12:** Why do we need to know with certainty about a coming apostasy among professing believers? How is this truth meant to impact the church (i.e. our lives as professing believers)? What does it mean to believe for a little while and then fall away? How do we help guard one another from unbelief?
2. **Tuesday:** Read **Matthew 24:1-14.** What kind of things are the “beginning of sorrows”? How is lawlessness abounding and love growing cold in our culture? Why is endurance required and how can we hope to endure? What must take place before the end will come?
3. **Wednesday:** Read **2 Thessalonians 2:1-4.** How does the coming of the Lord connect to our gathering together? How do we know that the day of Christ has not yet come? What must take place first? Who is the man of sin? How will he be made known? Who is the man of lawlessness and when will he be revealed? How?
4. **Thursday:** Read **1 Timothy 4:1-3; 1 Timothy 1:19-20.** How do we identify deceitful spirits and the doctrine of demons? What is a hypocritical liar and how did they get their consciences seared? What does that teach us about leaders of culture groups? Why did Paul have to address these issues so strongly? Which denomination that identifies itself as Christian teaches these things?
5. **Friday:** Read **1 Timothy 4:3-5; Colossians 2:6-7; Hebrews 12:28.** How are believers described in this text? How is this knowing of truth related to the faith? Why is thanksgiving such an important part of living by faith? How does the Word of God sanctify these matters?
6. **Saturday:** Read **1 Timothy 4:7-8.** How do we exercise ourselves toward godliness? Why does Paul take the time to contrast the benefits of physical exercise with that of godliness? How much time, money, and energy do Americans spend pursuing exercise? Are we spending more time on physical exercise than spiritual growth? Why is godliness more profitable?