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1. Some will depart from the faith by following the teaching of demons.

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, 1 Timothy 4:1 (ESV)

They sacrificed to demons that were no gods, to gods they had never known, to new gods that had come recently, whom your fathers had never dreaded. Deuteronomy 32:17 (ESV)

They served their idols, which became a snare to them. They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons; Psalm 106:36–37 (ESV)

No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. 1 Corinthians 10:20 (ESV)

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12 (ESV)

through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, 1 Timothy 4:2 (ESV)

2. You can recognize demonic teaching because it will have an emphasis on abstinence from God-given pleasures.

who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 1 Timothy 4:3 (ESV)

1. Demonic teaching forbids marriage and sex.

2. Demonic teaching emphasizes abstinence from foods.

3. If God wants us to enjoy earthly pleasure, why do people still embrace asceticism?

1. We want to mask our inner wickedness by embracing outward piety.
2. We embrace asceticism because we don't understand the atonement.

How do I apply this to my week?

nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer. 1 Timothy 4:5 (ESV)

1. Savor every God given pleasure to its fullest. Let it lead you to greater worship of God for his goodness.
2. Offer prayers of thankfulness to God for his goodness, at meals and every time your heart overflows with gratitude.



1 Timothy 4:1-5

Why must I savor earthly pleasures?