

## 1 Timothy 4:1-5

<sup>1</sup>But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, <sup>2</sup>by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, <sup>3</sup>men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth. <sup>4</sup>For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude; <sup>5</sup>for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.

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### SERMON NOTES

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## Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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### COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

Paul in prison

Timothy in a "hard" church

"After my departure, savage wolves will come in among you."

(Acts 20:29)

"some will fall away" (v. 1)

"doctrines of demons" (v. 1)

religion too soft or too hard

*Eucharistia* (vs. 3, 4) grateful recognition of God's goodness

Necessary boundaries on this freedom – "word of God and prayer" (v. 5)

"I am prone to a kind of Captain Ahab syndrome: an obsessive, self-absorbed, grim pursuit to the death of the great white whale of ministry." --John Ortberg

### TRAIN, YOU GIFTED PEOPLE, TRAIN (vs. 6-8)

Godliness – *eusebia* – "well focused"

Discipline – *gumnasia* (gymnasium)

### PAIN, YE HOPEFUL PEOPLE, PAIN (vs. 9-16)

"For this we labor and strive (agony)." (v.9)

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### Hebrews 12:2

"Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."