

Warning! Some will depart from the faith!

1 Timothy 4:1: "Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teaching of demons." 1 Timothy 6:3-4, 20-21 (ESV): "If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words...O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called 'knowledge,' for by professing it some have swerved from the faith."

We are warned over and over in the Scriptures to hold firmly to the Truth. We should be like the Berean Christ-followers, searching the Scriptures daily to see if what we are being taught is absolutely true. How vitally important is it to study to show ourselves approved, rightly dividing the Word of Truth! Nothing could be more important than getting all of our family, friends and neighbors into the Word of God! How else will they know the Bible's teachings? How else will they escape the judgment to come?

Whatever it takes, reach out! We cannot sit by comfortably in our secure positions in Christ, and let the rest of the world go on into more and more darkness. Our mission is to "make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in our communities through caring, in-depth Bible study available to all." Our God-sized vision is to see "Lives Transformed Through the Word of God." Are there people you see daily? Do they know you are in Community Bible Study? Have they been invited to participate with you?

This is an emergency as false doctrine is rampant everywhere. Even those who at one time preached the Gospel have veered off the path into false teaching. Some even say everyone will be saved eventually (universalism). It is not a surprise, as God's Word told us it would happen. However, my heart is so heavy just realizing the cost of all of us not speaking up and reaching out. The price (lives around us going into a Christless eternity) is too great to pay! All of us must have our hearts calibrated by the Truth of God's Word so we can issue a clear warning to others to "Watch out for false teachers!"