**I Timothy Chapter 4, Part 11**

**Salutation (1:1-2)**

**I. The Personal Charge (1:3-20)**

**II. The Public Charge (2:1-6:10)**

 A. The Organization of the Church (2:1-3:16)

 1. The Place of Prayer in the Church (2:1-8)

 2. The Place of Women in the Church (2:9-15)

 3. The Place of Bishops in the Church (3:1-7)

 4. The Place of Deacons in the Church (3:8-13)

 **5. The Place of Christ in the Church (3:14-16)**

 **B. The Offense of the Church (4:1)**

**II. The Public Charge (2:1-6:10)**

**B. The Offense of the Church (4:1 ff.)**

**PREMISE: The NT assembly must be on the offense while exalting the Person and Work of Christ. Being on the offensive (the attack) may be offensive (hurt feelings)!**

**\*Spirit impressed Paul with prophecy (he had been to Athens, Corinth, and now Ephesus [Acts 17:16; 18:5])!**

**\*Latter times relative to the new churches being established (not 2021)!**

**I. THE RUSE (vv. 1-3) >** Gnostic Pantheism (you are a spirit deity housed in a body needs to progress up *Pleroma* by various works, moving from incarnation to spirit being and ultimately to divine spirit. Corollaries include “flesh is evil” and “reincarnation”) > Col. 2:8-10

 **A. The Rebels (v. 1)**

1. Humanly Rebels > Gnostic false teachers (I Tim. 1:4)

 2. Heavenly Rebels

 a. seducing (*planos*) spirits

 b. doctrines of devils > I Jn. 4:1-6 (Docetism), I Jn. 2:22 (Adoptionism)

 **B. The Reason (v. 2)**

1. False teachers are hypocritical liars > Jn. 8:44

2. False teachers have seared (cauterized > perfect passive) conscience

 **C. The Rules (v. 3a) > Col. 2:18-23**

1. Celibacy > marital flesh is evil > produces more bodies for fallen deity to house!

 2. Veganism > animal flesh is evil > you are what you eat!

a. Provision for animal flesh after Flood (Gen. 9:3)

b. Provision for animal flesh after the Cross (Eph. 2:13-16) > no Kosher diet

**II. THE REBUTTAL (vv. 3b-5)**

**A. Refusal Negated (vv. 3b-4)**

1. The *Provision* of the Creature > from God

 2. The *Purpose* of the Creation > good benefit for mankind

 3. The *Proviso* for the Christian > must be received not refused with thanksgiving

 a. Believe Truth

 b. Know (*epiginosko*) Truth

**B. The Reception Nuanced (v. 5):** sanctified **>** set apart for believer!

1. By word of God

 2. By prayer

**III. THE REMEMBRANCE (v. 6)**

 **A. The Responsibility (v. 6a) >** put in remembrance

 **B. The Result (v. 6b) > Good minister >**

1. Nourished

 a. Words of faith

 b. Good doctrine

2. Attained (perfect tense) > has followed and still is

**CONCLUSION: Gnosticism > immorality, veganism, cremation, tattoos, piercings, yoga, works, etc.**