**I Timothy Chapter 4, Part 13**

**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)**

 **1. The Message on the Church on the Offense (I Tim. 4:1-6)**

**2. The Menace requiring the Church on the Offense (I Tim. 4:7-11)**

 **3. The Man involved in the Church on the Offense (I Tim. 4:12-16)**

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

**The Man involved in the Church on the Offense (I Tim. 4:12-16)**

**PREMISE: Timothy was to continue to warn about Garden Gnosticism and replace with Christian Gospel. He was God’s man to accomplish the task, as he took care of himself first of all.**

**\*Review of Garden Gnosticism**: the Unknown god is an impersonal idea/soul which manifests to creation with chain of aeons, from spirit to flesh, which aeons in turn help deity locked in body move up pleroma through many reincarnations. Since flesh is evil, ***hedonism*** does not affect it whereas ***stoicism*** avoids anything fleshly. Christ was either a phantom (**Docetism**) or a mere human empowered by higher power (**Adoptionism**).

\*Bad karma (Jn. 9:4); anti-resurrection (I Cor. 15:12; II Tim. 2:18); Gnostic Christ (I Jn. 2:22; 4:3).

**I. His Opportunity to be on the Offensive (vv. 12-13)**

 **A. Avoid the Despising** (v. 12a) *kataphroneo* (9x [present imperative]) > I Tim. 6:2

 **B. Advance the Demonstration** (v. 12b-13) *ginomai* (present imperative)

 1. Personal Example (v. 12b) *tupos* (16x)

a. word > *logos* (330x) speech > Eph. 4:29-32

b. conversation > *anastrophe* (13x) > behaviour

c. charity > *agape* (113x) > concern for others by giving > I Cor. 13:1 ff.

d. in spirit > *pneuma* (385x) > attitude > Phil. 4:13

e. in faith > *pistis* (244x) > a man of faith > Josh. 14:12

f. in purity > *hagneia* (2x) > godliness

 2. Public Exposition (v. 13) *prosecho* (present imperative [24x]) continue to give attention

a. reading > read the Scripture > Col. 4:16 (3x)

b. exhortation > challenge to act on/obey Scripture > Acts 13:15

c. doctrine > expound all of the doctrines > cf. I Tim. 4:1 (cf. demonic competition)

**II. His Observation while on the Offensive (vv. 14-16)**

 **A. Know your gift** (v. 14) > *me ameleo* > stop neglecting; leaders recognize gifts > II Tim. 1:6

 **B. Know your calling** (v. 15) > *meletao* (3x) present imperatives > continue thinking and giving

 **C. Know yourself** (v. 16) > Prov. 4:23

 1. Reflection > *epecho (*5x) present imperative *“take heed”*

2. Resolution > *epimeno* (18x) present imperative > *“continue”*

3. Result > save self and saints from Gnosticism!

**CONCLUSION**: Heavy responsibility fell on Timothy to deal with incipient Gnosticism, but in his frailty he could accomplish his calling by knowing himself and trusting the Lord (*“who is sufficient?”* [II Cor. 2:16]).