

Growing Strong in Faith | Part 6

Lesson 3

1 Timothy 4:1-10

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False and True Teaching

INTRODUCTION

In 1978, the world was shocked at the mass murder/suicide of 909 men, women and children in Jonestown, Guyana. The leader of the Peoples Temple was a man named Jim Jones. He came to faith as a child through the ministry of a Nazarene woman. Over the years, he was involved the Pentecostal and Disciples of Christ denominations. But Mr. Jones felt he was given “special revelations” from God, and he allowed those revelations to distort his belief in the Holy Scriptures. He amassed many followers, ending the tragic deaths of over 900 people.

I would like to say we don’t have cults like this any longer, but I would be wrong. But so often we see the distortions of scripture far more subtle. We see the Word of God being added to or watered down to fit the opinion of the teacher or culture.

In our lesson this week we are going to look at what a false teacher is, how to spot false teaching, and our response and protection to the distortions.

Memory verse: “That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.”

—1 Timothy 4:10

Pray, and read 1 Timothy 4:1-10. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?

1. Who are the deceivers that distort scripture?
(1 Timothy 4:1-2)
2. What do they say is deceptive? (1 Timothy 4:3-5)
3. How should we respond? (1 Timothy 4: 6-8)
4. Why do we “labor and strive”? (1 Timothy 4:10)

