

**SOUND WALK IN THE CHURCH**

**Introduction:** Paul warned Timothy that some church members would become apostates, departing from the faith to follow seducing spirits and doctrines of demons. He was to watch out for false teachers and give them no place to teach in the church at Ephesus. Timothy was to defend the church by living a godly life as an example to the true believers. In this way he would save himself and the true believers in the church from false doctrine.

**Lesson Aim:** Learn how to live a godly life to maintain a sound walk with other members in the church.

**Memory Verse:** "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Tim 4:8b).

**Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:****I. The Danger of Apostates — 4:1-5**

1. What will happen to some people that profess to be saved, but are not? 4:1
2. How do apostates act? 4:2a
3. What happens to an apostate's conscience? 4:2b
4. Name two doctrines of apostates? 4:3a
5. How should true believers treat the things that God has created? 4:3-4
6. How are all things sanctified (made holy)? 4:5

**II. The Defense against Apostates — 4:6-11**

7. What was Timothy to do to defeat the apostates? 4:6
8. What was Timothy to refuse to be taught in the church? 4:7
9. Why is spiritual exercise more profitable than physical exercise? 4:8
10. Give two reasons why a pastor labors and endures reproach from apostates? 4:10
11. How is God the Savior of all people? 4:10; cf. 1 Tim 2:6; Heb 2:9; 1 Jn 2:2

**III. The Defeat of Apostates — 4:12-16.**

12. How was Timothy to keep people from despising his youth? 4:12
13. Name three things that should be done in a church service? 4:13
14. What had Timothy apparently neglected to do? 4:14
15. Name two things Timothy was to do with the things mentioned in verses 12-14? 4:15
16. How will pastors save themselves and those that hear them? 4:16