



## 1 Timothy 4:1-5

### Are You “Colluding” With Demons?

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## Last Days’ Demonic Deception

### 1 Timothy 4:1

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons...

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## Men “Collude” With Demons!

### 1 Timothy 4:2-3

by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, 3 men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

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## Two Ways Contrasted

- **The Doctrines of Demons:**  
“seared in their own conscience”  
Perfect, passive, partíciple
- **The Doctrines of Christ:**  
“who know the truth”  
Perfect, active, partíciple

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## Paul Corrects the Record

### 1 Timothy 4:4-5

For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, 5 for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

### Genesis 9:3

Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant.

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## Applications

1. We must understand that Christ and His apostles determine what is moral and immoral.
2. We must understand that any form of asceticism used to garner favor with God is an attack on the sufficiency of Christ.

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## Christ Determines Morality

### Matthew 18:18

Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth **shall have been bound in heaven**; and whatever you loose on earth **shall have been loosed in heaven**.

- Moral decisions must be based upon the prior decrees already given in heaven!

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## Christ Determines Morality

***Did Jesus “bind” people to eat only certain foods?***

### Mark 7:18b-19

...Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him, 19 because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?” (**Thus He declared all foods clean.**)

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## Christ Determines Morality

*Did Jesus “bind” people to abstain from marriage?*

### 1 Corinthians 7:28

But if you marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Yet such will have trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you.

## Ascetics Attack Christ’s Sufficiency

### Colossians 2:16-17

Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day— 17 things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

## Ascetics Attack Christ’s Sufficiency

### Galatians 5:3-4

And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law. 4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.