



## 1 Timothy 6:2b-5

### The Battle Against False Teaching

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## Timothy vs. False Teachers

1:3 Timothy is to instruct  
1:4-7a Topic: False teachers  
1:7b -10 Misunderstanding the law

6:2b Timothy is to teach  
6:3-6 Topic: False teachers  
6:5-6 Misunderstanding godliness

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## Other Doctrines Challenged

### 1 Timothy 6:2b-4a

Teach and preach these principles.  
3 If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, 4 he is conceited and understands nothing...

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## Motives of False Teachers

### 1 Timothy 6:4b-5

but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, 5 and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.

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### Applications

1. False teachers have doctrines and deeds that reveal their inward depravity.
2. Ascetic practices lead people to paganism rather than godliness.
3. All Christians are called to stand against false teaching.

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### Teachers Known by Their Fruit

#### Matthew 7:15-17

Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 **You will know them by their fruits.** Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.

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### The Fruit of False Teachers

- D**istort the threat and remedy
- E**ngage in boundary crossing
- A**dvocate ascetic practices
- D**o lustful and greedy acts

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### Asceticism Won't Lead to Godliness

#### Colossians 2:20-22

If you have died with Christ **to the elementary principles** of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, 21 **"Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!"** 22 (which all refer to things destined to perish with use)—in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men?

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## Asceticism Won't Lead to Godliness

### Colossians 2:23

These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, **but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.**

## Believers Must Fight False Teaching

### Romans 16:17-18

Now I urge you, brethren, **keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.** 18 For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.