

# A GOOD MINISTER

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- **Warns of Apostasy (1 Tim. 4:1-4, 6a)**
  - **Apostasy is turning or falling away from the truth**
    - **Galatians 5:4 (NKJV)**

You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to* be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

# Apostasy is “falling away”

## ➤ Hebrews 6:4-6 (NKJV)

For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

***if they fall away***, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.

# Why do people fall away?

- **External Religion** -- Amaziah's heart was not right (2 Chron. 25:2, 14, 27)
- **Love of world** -- Demas loved this world (2 Tim. 4:10)
- **Pride** -- Pride got in the way of King Saul (1 Sam. 15:6-23)
- **False teaching** -- "...giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons," (1 Tim 4:1)
  - **An example is found in 1 Cor. 11:13-15**

# Example of false teaching

- “Forbidding to marry”
  - God created marriage (Gen. 2:22-25) and declares that it is good (Heb. 13:4)
- “Commanding to abstain from foods”
  - Foods are blessed by God (Gen. 9:3)

# Result of false teaching

- ...speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron (1 Tim 4:2)
  - The Greek word for “seared” (kausteriazō) is the medical term used for the cauterizing process--the searing of body tissue or blood vessels with heat. False teachers have been scarred to the point where they can carry on their hypocritical lies with no compunctions.

# Good ministers warn today

- Warn of the dangers of the:
  - Social gospel
  - Morality of the world
  - Perversion of the gospel
  - Perversion of worship
  - Fussing over opinions