

## ABSTAINING FROM FOOD..FORBIDDING MARRIAGE

**1Tim. 4:3-5** *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. 4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with gratitude; 5 for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer."*



If we look at the verses immediately before these verses we will see exactly what it is referring to. **1Tim. 1-2** *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, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron".* The food part of verse four is in regards to men who would advocate these things in the last days. These men would be following teachings of demons while appearing to be following the ways of Adonai. They will be sitting at the table so to speak with two masters, which is not possible. Paul is giving Timothy an example of what some so-called believers would do in latter days by abstaining from marriage for so-called religious reasons. What was in the future back then is now upon us. These people and groups of people will appear to be holy, but by their works prove they are the exact opposite.

The Roman Catholic Church is a perfect example of how what Paul said was taken totally out of context. The idea of priests not getting married, and eating fish on Fridays are examples of the foolishness of the Roman Catholic Church in this regard.

Today we have people claiming that being vegan for example, is proper according to scripture. They try to use the "**everything created by God is good**" phrase as a basis for their own religious rules and regulations. They try to prove that what He did and said is not good. They use a verse like this out of context. They appear to be religious or holy, yet are on the other team. Today these people who distort the scriptures to fit their own agenda are called; tree huggers, supporters of homosexuality, or vegans, for example. These groups of people are attacking the very core beliefs of torah and the basics of life

by pulling them out of torah and trying to make these things look somehow good and wholesome beliefs that all should follow. They are disputing the very things that Adonai made good. They have become religious in and of themselves.

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