

<sup>1</sup>Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;<sup>2</sup>Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;<sup>3</sup>Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.<sup>4</sup>For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:<sup>5</sup>For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.<sup>6</sup>If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.<sup>7</sup>But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.<sup>8</sup>For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all

things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.<sup>9</sup>This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.<sup>10</sup>For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.<sup>11</sup>These things command and teach.<sup>12</sup>Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.<sup>13</sup>Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.<sup>14</sup>Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.<sup>15</sup>Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.<sup>16</sup>Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.