

The Strong Are To Build Up The Weak
***United As One* – Part Two**

Romans 15: 1-6

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Humans once chased antelopes for hours—until they dropped from exhaustion. No weapons, just endurance. The San of the Kalahari mastered this: persistence hunting. We were built to run, sweat, and survive. The original marathon wasn't for sport—it was for survival.

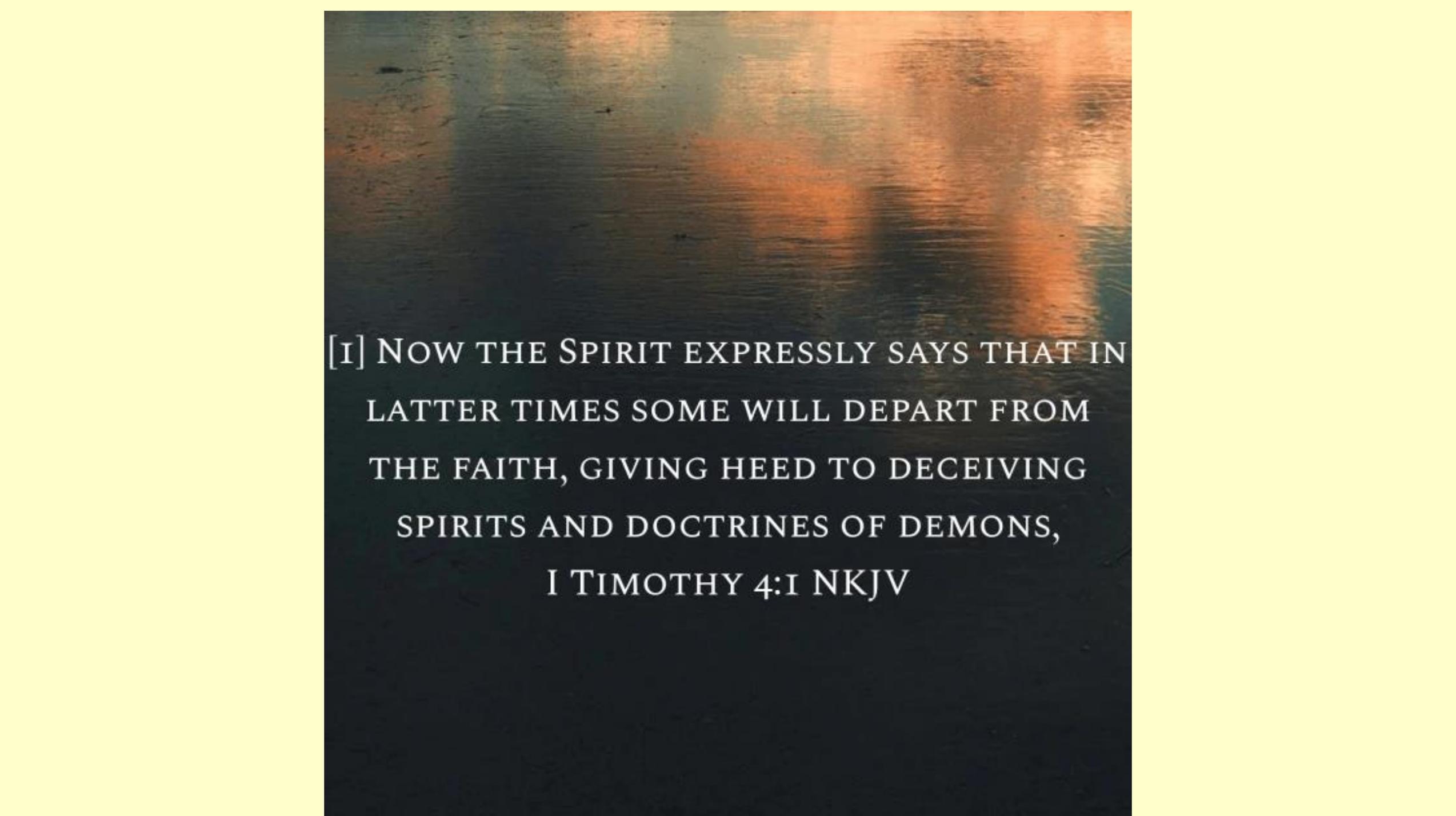


Love is Not Enabling

Rescuing someone who continues to make poor choices is not called love. It's called enabling. Stop enabling and refuse to be a safety net, so they can grow up.

Audience of One





[1] NOW THE SPIRIT EXPRESSLY SAYS THAT IN
LATTER TIMES SOME WILL DEPART FROM
THE FAITH, GIVING HEED TO DECEIVING
SPIRITS AND DOCTRINES OF DEMONS,
I TIMOTHY 4:1 NKJV

HE WILL COME!

STAY UNITED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Verse 4

The Strong learn from the past

What is Paul referring to, “*written in the past*”?

Old Testament Scriptures

Many today believe the Old Testament is not important and not relevant to our lives today

This verse counters that assertion

The New Testament quotes the Old Testament 855 times

27% of the New Testament are quotations on the Old Testament

Why do we need a Savior; why do we need grace?

It is in the Old Testament that we discover a fall into sin, a real Adam and Eve, a real Garden of Eden, a real serpent (*Satan*), a real consequence of the fall, death and separation from God

We believe God has given His people an integrated Book that we can count on for truth

Chuck Missler: The Integrity of the Bible

THE INTEGRITY OF THE BIBLE



Dr. Chuck Missler
(1934 - 2018)

“It is amazing how many presumed difficulties begin to disappear when one discovers the integrity of the Bible: although composed of 66 books penned by 40 authors over thousands of years, it demonstrates an integrity of design--every detail, every place name, the subtleties of the text--all testify to its singular authorship. The New Testament is in the Old Testament concealed; The Old Testament is in the New Testament revealed. 

Augustine: The New is the Old concealed; The Old is the New revealed

This means the New Testament fulfills and makes clear the promises and teachings that were only foreshadowed, or hidden, in the Old Testament

We are not to “*unhitch*” from the Old Testament, but to learn from the Old Testament

Verse 5 - 6

The Strong promote unity

“The God of patience and comfort”

Patience = *“hupomone”* = patient with circumstances



The God of comfort = “*paraklesis*” = encouragement and strengthening the believer

The Holy Spirit will comfort you, guide you, guard you, and encourage you to go farther –

If you let Him, if you yield to Him!

Since we are image bearers of God, patience and comfort we give to one another

Unity in the body is the goal (*verse 6*); the body of Messiah is to be united as one!

Why is God passionate about unity in the body?

God is a complex unity; Father, Son, Holy Spirit are united as ONE
Deuteronomy 6: 4

THE NAME

Jehovah Echad

MEANS:

THE ONE GOD

Hear, O Israel:

The LORD our God
(Yahweh/Jehovah) (Elohim)

is one LORD
(Yahweh/Jehovah Echad)

THREE PERSONS - ELOHIM



ONE GOD - ECHAD

ECHAD

(verb)



1. Oneness and strength derived from twisting and binding together.

(Example: the threads of a rope, although varying in size and thickness, when twisted together form one single continuous rope which derives its strength from its fibers twisting against themselves.)

*Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.*

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.



Man and Wife: Two humans become “*echad*”, united as ONE
Genesis 2: 24

Tabernacle: Many curtains together become “*echad*”, ONE
Exodus 36: 11-13

Peoples and nations: Multiple individuals become “*echad*”, ONE
Genesis 11: 6

United as ONE, the people of God – **Jeremiah 32: 38-39**

The Godhead is united as ONE, “*echad*”

God desires His people to be united as ONE, “*echad*”!

Satan’s strategy is clear and successful = **divide and conquer, create offense and divide!**

Satan preys on our fallen nature, our depravity, which is prone to offense!

Trap of Offense:



Be aware of Satan's schemes, don't fall for his traps!

Ephesians 6: 11

United as ONE, we are stronger together; a formidable enemy of the powers of darkness

How do we promote unity?

Be a grace-giver

Doggedly pursue peace!

Have thick skin and a soft heart; fragile spirits are easily offended



UNITY IN THE
Body of Christ

EPHESIANS

KNOW THIS TRUTH:

One day we will be ONE with our God!
United with and under the Godhead – 1 John 3: 2

**NOW THAT IS SOMETHING TO LOOK
FORWARD TO!**

THAT INDEED IS HEAVEN!!