

Daily Prayer

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Today's prayer is based on I Timothy 4.1-2, ESV.

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith

Truthful Spirit, thank you for warning me of what is to come -
that there will be people who play fast and loose with the sacred deposit
of your truth given us through the prophets and apostles,
recorded for us in the Scriptures,
and taught anew in our day by your living Spirit.
Father, there is so much confusing misinformation swirling around -
protect and keep me in the faith.

by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,

Thank you for the little glimpses we get from Scripture
that hint at a far larger reality than modern Americans
are ready to acknowledge.
Father, deliver me from being deceived
and from accepting as true things that grow out of rebellion.
Deliver me, O Lord.

through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared,

Insincerity. Lies. Seared consciences.
Father, help me to spot insincerity - and to be sincere.
Help me spot lies - and to be truthful.
Seared consciences are harder to identify -
what are the markers of a seared conscience?
Nevertheless, give me wisdom on this,
heal my own conscience,
help me to walk in your grace by faith,
for Jesus and His kingdom's sake. Amen.

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If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.

Augustine

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