

Daily Prayer

MONDAY, JULY 20

Today's prayer is based on I Timothy 4.3-5, ESV.

[Further description of insincere liars with seared consciences straying from the faith]

who forbid marriage

Lord, help me to know your will so well from your Word
that I can tell when someone is trying to lay additional, man-made requirements
on me as a believer, things that would be real burdens,
things that have nothing to do with a life of trusting dependence before you.
And please, Father, keep me from doing the same to others.
Help us to stand firmly in the freedom for which you have set us free.

and require abstinence from foods

Thank you for the insight that it is not what we put into our mouths that defiles us,
it is rather what comes out of our mouths - the words we speak,
which are a sure indicator of the state of our hearts.
Deliver me from this additional man-made burden as well.
Help me to be extremely cautious about telling others what they *must* do -
make me a powerful agent of your freedom.

*that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.
For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,
for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.*

Father, thank you for the clarity of our Word,
thank you for all the things you created,
thank you that they are very good,
thank you that we are free to use these good things
with *thanksgiving*
as we set them aside for your purposes
in prayerful communion with you,
for Jesus and His kingdom's sake. Amen.

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