

The Sure Road Away from Christ: How Apostasy Happens

Introduction:

In 1 Timothy 4:1-5 there are four signs on the sure road away from Christ, that serve to warn you to guard your steps.

- The _____ of Departure from the Faith (v.1a)

How to know you are on the sure road of Apostasy?

1. Embrace _____ (v.1b)

2. Follow _____ (v.2)

3. Replace God's _____ with Man's _____ (v.3)

4. Reject God's _____ with _____ (vv.4-5)

- The Sure Path to Godliness: _____ (1 Tim 3:16; John 15:4-8)

Application:

To ensure you are on the sure road away from Christ:

- Be unfamiliar with God's word so that something close is good enough.
- Give preference to podcasts and YouTube pastors rather than the spiritual leaders in your local church.
- Be slow to admit wrong and quick to defend self. Allow your heart to be hardened by sin.
- Pervert God's good gifts (like food and sex) through excess and disobedience rather than enjoy them with a grateful heart and within God's guidelines.