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2 TIMOTHY 4 ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

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BEWARE OF -

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- Fabrication
- Manipulation
- Connecting dots
- Filling in the blanks
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RECEIVING GOD’S PROMISES

We need to be sure our God ideas are not just our own good ideas.

All things being possible does not always mean they are probable.

When God does make a promise, He is not lying.

Outside of our observing His pre-conditions, The Lord does not have a need for our help.

His end does not always justify our means.

While God’s will is ultimately going to be fulfilled, we must remember we can make things more difficult for ourselves than they have to be.

TRUTH OF CONSEQUENCES

Jacob had to flee for his life.

He never saw his mother again.

After this story, Rebekah herself is never seen actively again in Scripture; until we learn she had been buried at Machpelah in **Genesis 49**.

He was estranged from his brother, who fathered enemies.

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