

**BE NOT DECEIVED**  
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**Intro:**

II Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

II Timothy 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

II Timothy 3:11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of [them] all the Lord delivered me.

II Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

II Timothy 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Galatians 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Galatians 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all [men], especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

**BE NOT DECEIVED**

The Bible commands us to take care.. not to be deceived. Yet most people are being deceived. In fact the Bible teaches as the end draws near more and more people are going to be deceived. Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse.. deceiving and being deceived.

The greatest battle we face in this life is differentiating between reality and error.. sincerity and hypocrisy.. truth and deception..

From the beginning of man's existence the sad truth is that men have fallen victim to deception..

The great deceiver from the beginning was Satan..

John 8:44 Ye are of [your] father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

We are living in a world of deception..

Satan is the great deceiver ... he was a liar from the beginning the Bible says and he is the father of lies.. and father of all liars..

***Intro: What exactly is it to be in deception?***

**The word we find in II Tim 3:13 is**

planao, plan-ah'-o; from 4106; to (prop. cause to) roam (from safety, truth, or virtue):-go astray, deceive, err, seduce, wander, be out of the way.

----- Dictionary Trace -----

plane, plan'-ay; fem. of 4108 (as abstr.); obj. fraudulence; subj. a straying from orthodoxy or piety:-deceit, to deceive, delusion, error.

It literal means to stray from the truth ..  
To be deluded.. to go astray..  
To be in error..

Dictionary Definition

1. an illusory feat; considered magical by naive observers
2. the act of deceiving
3. a misleading falsehood

The act of deceiving or misleading. --South.

The state of being deceived or misled.

There is one thing relating either to the action or enjoyments of man in which he is not liable to deception.

That which deceives or is intended to deceive; false representation; artifice; cheat; fraud.

To be deceived is to believe a lie, and abandon the truth..

The truth never is based on a consensus the truth is based on the truth. In the day of Noah, the consensus was there would be no flood. In the days of lot the consensus was there would be no judgment.

Deceivers shall wax worse and worse.. those being deceived will increase more and more.

What is the problem? People do not know the truth.

Where is the truth?

Jesus prayed for his disciples to be sanctified by the truth:

John 17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Jesus prayed for you and me to be sanctified in the Word of truth...

John 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

Recently an environmentalist asked a Moslem what their environmental policy was since their economy relies so heavily on oil. The Moslem answered, everything we need to know about being custodians of the environment is in the Qur'an. The Qur'an tells us how to be good custodians of the environment.

Now by following their Qur'an, the most wealthy nation in the world is a Moslem nation, UNITED ARAB EMERIT.. The most wealthy and beautiful city in all the world is a Moslem city called Dubai. Where did it get it's wealth. It got it from oil. These are the countries.. that say their environmental policies come from their Bible.. which is the Qur'an.

Would to God that our politicians would say the same about our Christian Bible.. I believe the Bible has everything we need to know about how to be good stewards of the environment and this planet. the problem is our politicians and college professors do not read it and believe it.

THY WORD IS TRUTH..

So .. they are being deceived. I believe there is climate change and God is the one that is bringing it.

In 20 years from the oil money the Arabs got from us, they built a city out in the desert that revivals and surpasses any city in the United States.

Their city has broken 100 Guineas world records..

Tallest freestanding structure in the world (to its very tip, with spire, )

The building with the highest number of stories in the world (163 floors)

The highest outdoor observation deck in the world (Level 124&125 + Level 148)

The highest restaurant in the world (At.Mosphere on level 122 - 441.3m high)

The highest lounge in the world (Levels 152-154 - 585m)

Tallest service elevator in the world (504m - 1,654 feet)

The world's largest indoor theme park

The world's deepest pool..

The largest Mall in the world

Most skyscrapers in the world

The world's largest flower garden

The world's largest picture frame

The world's largest suspended aquarium facility and viewing screen

In Dubai there is no income tax,

Dubai has the most luxurious Hotel in the world the lobby is lined with pure gold walls and ceiling gold the utensils pure gold.

When asks what their environmental plans are for the future they say.. we follow our Bible the Qur'an.

While we fail to read our Bible and get poorer every day.. because we have to buy our oil from them.. while they laugh at us!

What is it to be deceived.. to be deceived is to be swayed from the truth ..  
And what is truth..

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

What is it to be deceived.. To be deceived is to go astray from the truth.  
To be lured away from the truth..  
To believe a lie.

The lie that we have bought is that the religion of Humanism is calling their religion science and we are believing it and becoming impoverished because of it..

The value of science is seen in how it betters your life.. We do not serve science but true science serves us..

It is only in the name of religion that believers are called upon to make sacrifices.

When Edison discovered how to harness electricity it made the world better..

When the Wright brothers discovered the principles of Aerodynamics it made the world better..

When Wilhelm Rontgen discovered how to harness the power of x rays it revolutionized the medical field and benefits all of us..

How does Evolution help anyone.. except to make students think they are animals and can act like it..

How does the doomsday belief in climate change benefit you.. instead of producing clean inexpensive energy.. it is bankrupting our nation..

Science is not something to believe in.. it is something to use to benefit others and seeing is believing.. ONLY RELIGION MUST BE BELIEVED..

The benefit of that belief should also be evident to all.

1TI 4:8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

***I. WHAT DOES IT TAKE FOR SOMEONE TO BE DECEIVED..  
It takes a person that is open to deception able to be tricked....  
IT TAKES A VICTIM..***

THE BIBLE SAYS "**BE NOT DECEIVED..**"

THE DECEIVED

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE DECEIVED?

It takes a victim that is gullible.

It takes a Victim that is Naive

It takes a Victim .. usually that is young and in-experienced..

It takes a victim that is Ignorant..

**\*\*\*THE DECEIVED MUST SHOW**

naiveness, naivete  
gullibility, innocence,  
simple mindedness,  
feeble mindedness..

## **II. IT TAKES A DECEIVER**

**II Timothy 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.**

This person must use:

Trickery.. Must show believability  
It takes craftiness on the part of the deceiver..

\*\*\*\*It takes a deceiver:  
And what must the deceiver do to deceive..

Look good.. Outwardly....  
Be believable  
It takes Subtility

By definition a deception is the opposite of reality!  
It is just the opposite of what is true!

The deceiver must get the deceived confused in order to deceive them..

This you could know..

GOD IS NOT THE AUTOR OF CONFUSION..

## **III. HISTORICALLY WE HAVE ALL BEEN DECEIVED BY THE GREAT DECEIVER.**

### **WHAT IS THE FIRST INSTANCE OF MEN BEING DECIEVED IN HISTORY?**

Genesis 3:13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What [is] this [that] thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

It is an amazing thing that it did not take Eve long to recognize that she had been deceived by the serpent..

Now thousands of years latter it is not as clear to mankind..

The deception in this world is so great that men are blinded to it their whole lives. It did not take Adam and Eve long to recognize that they were in a state of deception.....

Today the deceivers and the deceptions are worse.. and worse..

**II Timothy 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.**

Back in the garden it was one deception.. today it is a multitude of deceptions.

#### **IV. CONSIDER THE DEVICES OF THE DECEIVER..**

***II Cor. 4:2-6 Shows the devices of Satan To Keep Men Deceived and Lost***

#### ***SATAN WAS THE FIRST DECEIVER AND ALL THAT DECEIVE FOLLOW HIS PATTERN***

II Corinthians 4:1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

II Corinthians 4:2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

II Corinthians 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

II Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

II Corinthians 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

II Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to [give] the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Note the devices of Satan and his tricks used to deceive

#### ***1. II Cor. 4:2 says that he uses the Hidden things of Dishonesty..***

Satan must hide his dishonesty and lies..

In the first deception in the garden how do we see this camouflage. or hidden dishonest evident in the the deception of Eve?

NOTE: Satan hide himself and the identity of who he was? We do not see him... he is invisible.. he works in the background.

You will not see the great deceiver.. he will use a messenger who is also deceived. Notice the messenger is also deceived. The messenger can be sincere but sincerely wrong.

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#### ***2. Satan walks in craftiness***

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**The deceiver is dishonest.. but also walks in craftiness..**

panourgia, pan-oorg-ee'-ah; from 3835; adroitness, i.e. (in a bad sense) trickery or sophistry:-(cunning) craftiness, subtility.

**The deceiver will be subtle, and crafty, using trickery..**

What is a trick... a trick is some form of craftiness or an illusion  
In other words it has no reality or substance.. you think it is something that it is not..

Satan makes you think he is good but he is evil..  
Satan makes you think he is loving when he is filled with hate..  
Satan makes you think he is looking after your best interests when he is seeking to destroy you...

People who are easily deceived look at the cover of the book and ignore the content..  
The look at the outside and ignore the inside..

### **3. SATAN WILL TAKE GOD'S WORD AND GIVE A DECEITFUL TWIST TO IT..**

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Handling the word deceitfully

What was his response to the word of God in the garden of Eden?

Hath God said.. ye shall not eat of the trees..

You misunderstand the command.. God did not say you will die..  
Day eat the fruit you will be as gods knowing good and evil..  
Consider: How he deceived..

THE TREE WAS CALLED THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL..

HE MADE EVE THINK THAT GETTING THAT KNOWLEDGE WOULD BE DESIRABLE..

HE MADE EVE THINK THAT GOD'S MOTIVE FOR HIS COMMAND WAS RESTRICTIVE AND BAD



The final goal of the deceiver is to blind his victims mind to believe a lie..

#### **4. ULTIMATELY SATAN DECIEVES BY BLINDING PEOPLES MINDS**

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II Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

How does he blind a persons mind?

He does so by confusing them.. to the truth..  
He confuses them with wrong thinking..

##### **A. Wrong thinking blinds a person's mind.. confusion..**

The devices of Humanism, are being used to blind people minds and keep them lost from the good news and gospel message.

Satan blinds the minds of them that believe not..  
Believe not the Truth.. Jesus said,

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

What are some of his blinding devices..

Evolution.. is the great blindfold device of our generation...

Confuse people with a bunch of science and math that we are not able to keep track of .. and then tell people God did not create you..

The humanist, the unbeliever, uses just enough facts to lead us to wrong conclusions..

There is a natural phenomena that happens in the natural world called natural selection. In other words. Somewhere in the world there may be a bird that is able to see all the black colored insects of a certain species of butterflies but is not able to see the green species. In the process of time all the black species are killed off and on that island only the green survive and propagate. So the evolutionist say that is an example of evolution. Not that is an example of natural selection, or survival. Given the right or wrong environment certain species who have certain characteristics seem to survive better in certain environments.

So the humanist evolutionist throw into the equation this variable of huge blocks of time which we cannot in our finite minds understand and say given enough time new species will evolve. Yet never does one species become another. The green butterfly is still a butterfly. Now whether it be a horse, a bug, a bird, the characteristics of the

species depending on the environment can change .. but the species themselves will never change.

So given enough time, the humanist will surmise that we all have evolved in time.

Satan is in the business of blinding peoples minds..

The humanist thinks that morality can evolve,

He uses confusion.. deceit.. to keep us in the dark about  
Morality.. ethics.. etc..

Homosexuality..

two people who love each other.. why can't they get married?

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Because it doesn't add up right..

II Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

How does the devil blind peoples minds.. he gets them lost in the equation of life..

Uses devices, deceit, craftiness..

gospel of Judas..

Da Vinci Code..

Homosexual rights..

Bottom line..

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God can't be in all this..

So men become deceived..

Now the Bible says, be not deceived..

Since Satan is in the business of blinding minds why would it surprise you that he is working in the realm of education to blind people's minds. We give our children over to a humanistic educational system and expect our children not to be untarnished.

If parents do not do something to give their children the knowledge of the truth.. JESUS SAID, THY WORD IS TRUTH.. than why would not expect that our young people's minds would not be corrupted.

So the great deception involves the victim,

- I. THE DECEIVED
- II. THE DECIEVER
- III. THE HISTORY OF MANKINDS DECEPTION
- IV. CONSIDER THE DEVICES OF THE DECEIVER
  
- V. *BE NOT DECEIVED BY FALSE RELIGIONS AND LEADERS*

Luke 21:8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am [Christ]; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

Jesus clearly warned his disciples concerning the great end time deception that will be magnified through religious leaders in the end times..

Scripture after Scripture gives warning about false religions and religious leaders..

Paul dealt with this in the first century church about 2000 ago and predicted that evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse.. deceiving and being deceived.

**II Tim 3:13**

II Corinthians 11:13 For such [are] false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

II Corinthians 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

II Corinthians 11:15 Therefore [it is] no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Now this I know.. there are many things that I was taught when I went to Bible school in 1976 that are no longer being taught.. WERE THEY WRONG THEN AND RIGHT NOW OR ARE THEY RIGHT NOW AND WRONG THEN..

Truth does not change..

The Bible does not change..

I think that if evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse.. I do not think the trends will become more Biblical but less..

Now if you read the old time preachers and look at what they say and compare what the new trends are today you will see a different direction.

**Isaiah 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because [there is] no light in them.**

What did Jesus say,

**John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**

In Sunday school I asked the question, what is the appeal of idolatry in the Old Testament. They had high places where they worshipped. God said don't worship me that way.. but they did. God does not want us to even look like the world. How much more to worship like the world. Yet we have turned our churches into night clubs and concert centers.

***VI. Satan uses confusion to corrupt our minds in the area of faith and trusting the Lord..***

II Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ.

II Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

II Corinthians 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or [if] ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with [him].

Often we get confused because of too many options.. and details..

***1. II Cor. 11:3 the devil will seek to corrupt our minds from the simplicity which is in Christ..***

The word simplicity means singleness..

Today everything is tolerated except the singleness of truth..

Critics:

They Criticize the Bible and Christians.. continually in the liberal media.. and press.. Yet they are strangely are silent about ..

Moslems.. terrorist.. etc.. there is more tolerance for these who purposely and maliciously plotted and killed 3000 innocent citizens of our nation than people who believe this book and try to understand it and live by it..

Today there is censorship going on which is a subtle form of persecution.

Let a group of people kill some Christian Missionaries and it is placed in the paper once and forgotten.. Let a group of militant Moslems beheaded some people and it is reported a few times and forgotten. Let a transgender athlete get arrested in Russia and it is all the media talk about for months.

One skeptic of Christianity wrote a few years back..

*Jerry Falwell gets further and further out there. His latest knucklehead theory is that Jews and Muslims can't go to heaven.*

*(well anyone can make heaven if they receive Christ.. but if they trust their religion they are not going to heaven.. )*

*Not too long ago I settled down to actually read the bible cover to cover, no cheating. They don't teach it that way in Sunday school, you know. I hadn't gotten more than a few pages in before I quit in disgust, having already had my fill of murder, lying, incest, rape, drunken orgies, and who knows what all. I decided I really didn't want to know what the rest of it contained that badly to subject myself to that garbage. I wouldn't read trash like that if it were written by some big name writer today, & it doesn't make a deal of difference to me that people claim a deity wrote it 2K ago. Garbage is garbage. It's not a nice book, let alone a work of 'literature'.*

*Canada is about to pass a bill correctly ruling the bible as "hate" literature. This bill was written to protect homosexuals from literal bible thumpings. Christians ignorantly claim the bible is a book of love, not hate. This is pretty hard to justify when the bible comes right out and says stuff like:*

*Leviticus 20:13: "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their*

The Qur'an says worse things.. yet why are they not tearing it down. Visit Chicago any day of the week and see what is happening..

Every ancient society had the death penalty for things we would disagree with  
Rome put two thieves on crosses with Jesus..

Why is there such disdain for true Bible Christianity..

It is because the teaching of Christ which says that he is the way truth and the life..

It is because

The Simplicity of the gospel is what brings the disdain.

### **BE NOT DECEIVED...**

Jesus said..

***Matthew 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide [is] the gate, and broad [is] the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:***

**Matthew 7:14** *Because strait [is] the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

Jesus claimed he was the only way  
Jesus claimed he was the only truth..

You say I don't believe that..  
That is sad because someday you will know it to be the case..

**Philippians 2:9** *Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:*

**Philippians 2:10** *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth;*

**Philippians 2:11** *And [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**Acts 4:12** *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

### **BE NOT DECEIVED!**

Right now.. the devil is trying to confuse people with all kind of other gospels writings.. and ideas.. Gospel of Judas, Davinci Code are but a few..

Today everything.. is OK to believe.. except the singleness.. of the Christ.  
The simplicity.. means it is the only way..

**John 14:6** *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

You can believe in Heterosexual marriages.. as long as you don't say homosexuality is wrong..

You can believe Jesus is a way to God.. as long as you do not say he is THE only way...

In our nation today we are seeing more tolerance for people whose religion that breeds terrorism than Biblical Christianity that teaches absolute standards ... We have presidents who are afraid to call terrorists "TERRORISTS".. But they are quick to call people who pray outside an abortion clinic terrorists..

## **2. Satan will try to get us to stray from the foundation of our faith.. WHAT MAKES A PERSON A CHRISTIAN.. BIBICAL CHRISTIAN WHAT ARE THOSE AREAS PAUL SAID WERE ESSENTIAL TO OR FAITH?**

The three essentials to that are necessary to be sound in the faith..

## THESE ARE THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURSTIAN FAITH

- A. Who Jesus is
- B. The True Spirit (Holy Spirit)
- C. The True Gospel message..

If we sway from these we have been corrupted..  
Be not deceived ....

There is this idea that all religions teach the same thing.. they do not..  
And all religions are tolerated except one.. Biblical Christianity that teaches it is the only true way to God..

EVERYTHING CAN BE TOLERATED BUT THAT..

Do you know this is why Rome killed Christians?

Rome had a law.. that allowed each nation it conquered to worship any god they choose... They would tolerate Christians also.. except the Christians taught there was only one true God.. and would not acknowledge any other..

I Timothy 2:5 For [there is] one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Only one God.. and there is only one way to God..  
Not many ways..

Article in the paper.. Catholic Priest.. said.. we are all seeking the truth.. Christians climb up one ladder.. Moselms are climbing another

That may be politically correct.. and ecumenically correct..

However such a statement is not Biblically correct..

Jesus is not a way... he claimed to be the way...

**3. *Be not deceived by those who would come and preach another Gospel..***

This is the purpose of the true church...

The church should be the pillar and ground of the truth.. I Tim 3;15

**VII. *GOD HAS A WAY FOR YOU NOT TO BE DECEIVED***

This is God's protection plan.. against deception..

## **1. The Church is given to prevent you from being deceived..**

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Ephesians 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Ephesians 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Ephesians 4:14 That we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Ephesians 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, [even] Christ:

Ephesians 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

### **A. God has given spiritual leaders to his church to teach and perfect believers**

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Ephesians 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

These are God's messengers to his church..

In the book of Rev. they are called his angels..

I Corinthians 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

The Bible calls these men and the Lord himself gives them gifts and abilities to lead and teach and preach to his church..

Men do not and should not choose this ministry on their own..

Paul's dream in life was not to be an Apostle..

***Acts 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:***

Peter's dream in life was not to be an Apostle..



In fact the after the crucifixion he thought about going back to the trade of fishing but the Lord would not let him..

To be a spiritual leaders.. God not only calls you. but also enables his leaders to communicate his word

I Timothy 3:1 This [is] a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

I Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

I Timothy 3:3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

I Timothy 3:4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

I Timothy 3:5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

I Timothy 3:6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

I Timothy 3:7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

***B. The Purpose for giving these Spiritual Leaders Is To Keep His People from Confusion***

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***a. It is my job to teach - preach and administrate the church to help God's people grow spiritual and be perfected to do his work on earth..***

***b. Eph. 4:13 Teaches that the Pastor is given to the church to perfect it.. and to cause that church to be unified..***

The goal should be perfect unity..

The goal should be teach doctrine and Scripture..

***c. Eph 4:14 God's goal for the local church is to protect his people from those who would deceive..***

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Note this verse describes those who are deceived..  
This verse also describes those who deceive..

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### **1. Those who are deceived are likened to children.. tossed too and fro.**

They are described as people of instability.. toss to and from .. carried about by every wind of doctrine..

Instability is never noted as a virtue in the bible...

The greatest picture in the Bible of the church is that of the home or marriage.

### **THE CHURCH IS CALLED THE BRIDE OF CHRIST..**

Today the homes of our country are a reflection of the state of Christianity  
And Christianity is a reflection of or homes..

Today we see Christians who hop from church to church with little commitment to the local assemble. and so it is with the state marriage today..

Instability.. vacillation.. capriciousness are the norm.

As homes split.. churches spit..

Unstable souls..

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### **2. Those who deceive others are likened to the devil the great deceiver**

Ephesians 4:14 That we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Every wind of doctrine.. there are about as many doctrines and ideas of doctrine as there are wind ....

SOMEONE COULD SAY: Pastor Bissol how do I know your doctrine is right?  
Well we just read where the Lord says you are best protected..

IN THE CHURCH WHERE HE HAS A GOD ORDAINED PASTOR TO TEACH YOU..

Now this you know.. that if you are going to be a christian of stability and protected from deceit.. you need to be in a good church.. Where a God called man is preaching and teaching the Bible to protect and help you spiritually..

As far as all the wind of doctrines..

What could be my motive for being the Pastor of this country church...

Facts..

1. **I Could Make a lot more money many other places..  
Most false teachers are motivated my money...**
2. **I never would have stayed here as long as I have if I was not sincere..**
3. **I am preaching what this book says... and not my ideas..**

**Let's say I have it wrong in a verse or two here or there..  
You still are going to be far more protected here.. because God says this is his program for you safety and protection to protect you from those who ..."  
though .... the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;**

They are con artist who carefully study how to deceive people..

4. **Carlton.. daughter Diamond worked for one of these big out fits..  
Another friend (Connie) worked for a religious group .. getting government money**

**BE NOT DECEIVED  
PART II**

Intro: This morning we talked about being deceived.. Jesus warned that we need to be careful not to be deceived by false teachers..

Luke 21:8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am [Christ]; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

We are going to continue this thought tonight.. Not only do we need to be careful about being deceived by false teachers.. but three other times in the Scripture we find this warning..clearly give.. BE NOT DECEIVED..

We will look at the other three verses tonight..

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**BE NOT DECEIVED**

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***I. BE NOT DECEIVED ABOUT WHO WILL QUALIFY FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD***

I Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

I Corinthians 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

I Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

***1. BE NOT DECEIVED THE BIBLE CALLS INTO QUESTION THOSE WHO ARE COMFORTABLE IN SIN AND THINK THEY WILL INHERIT HEAVEN***

I John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

When a person gets saved there will be a change in their life..

***2. Jesus came to save us from our sin not to save us so we can sin.. We are promised victory and liberty.. not license to sin..***

I John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are [these]; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Galatians 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

**Galatians 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told [you] in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Galatians 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Galatians 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

II Corinthians 5:15 And [that] he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

II Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

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### **III. The Bible Warns Us That What We Believe Doctrinally Will Affect Our Manner of life**

I Corinthians 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

I Corinthians 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak [this] to your shame.

Doctrine has a affect on living..

What you believe about the resurrection will be manifest in the way you live..

If you say there is no resurrection soon you will be living the theological end of that which is..

I Corinthians 15:29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?

I Corinthians 15:30 And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?

I Corinthians 15:31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

I Corinthians 15:32 If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to-morrow we die.

I Corinthians 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

What you say.. will be manifest in your life..

Paul said... if a man says there is not resurrection soon this evil speech will affect his manner of life. soon he will live the logical end of that lifestyle.. Which is eat drink be merry because tomorrow we die...

John Gill

Verse 33. Be not deceived,.... By such as deny the doctrine of the resurrection, and by their reasonings about it; or by such libertines who go into the denial of it, and argue from thence in favour of their licentious course of life:

Evil communications corrupt good manners. This is a sentence taken out of Menander, an Heathen poet, showing how dangerous is the conversation of evil men, and what an influence bad principles communicated and imbibed, have on the lives and practices of men. This the apostle cites not out of ostentation, or to show his reading, learning, and acquaintance with such sort of writers; but partly to observe, that this was a truth obvious by the light of nature, and partly because such a testimony might be more regarded by the Corinthians, who might be fond of such authors, and what was said by them; just as when he was at Athens among the philosophers there, he cites a passage out of Aratus, Acts 17:28 as he does another out of Epimenides concerning the Cretians, Titus 1:12.

Matthew Henry

The apostle closes his argument with a caution, exhortation, and reproof. 1. A caution against the dangerous conversation of bad men, men of loose lives and principles: Be not deceived, says he; evil communications corrupt good manners, v. 33. Possibly, some of those who said that there was no resurrection of the dead were men of loose lives, and endeavoured to countenance their vicious practices by so corrupt a principle; and had that speech often in their mouths Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die. Now, the apostle grants that their talk was to the purpose if there was no future state. But, having confuted their principle, he now warns the Corinthians how dangerous such men's conversation must prove. He tells them that they would probably be corrupted by them, and fall in with their course of life, if they gave into their evil principles. Note, Bad company and conversation are likely to make bad men. Those who would keep their innocence

must keep good company. Error and vice are infectious: and, if we would avoid the contagion, we must keep clear of those who have taken it. He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed, Prov. 13:20. 2. Here is an exhortation to break off their sins, and rouse themselves, and lead a more holy and righteous life (v. 34): Awake to righteousness, or awake righteously, ἐκνεύσατε δίκαιους, and sin not, or sin no more. "Rouse yourselves, break off your sins by repentance: renounce and forsake every evil way, correct whatever is amiss, and do not, by sloth and stupidity, be led away into such conversation and principles as will sap your Christian hopes, and corrupt your practice." The disbelief of a future state destroys all virtue and piety.

#### **IV. BE NOT DECEIVED BUT WHATEVER YOU DO WILL BE JUDGED AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE REWARD OR LOSS OF YOUR DEEDS IN GOD'S TIME TABLE**

Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Galatians 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Galatians 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all [men], especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

II Corinthians 5:9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

II Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things [done] in [his] body, according to that he hath done, whether [it be] good or bad.

II Corinthians 5:11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

Don't be deceived into thinking your labor is in vain in the Lord..  
It is not..

You will receive the benefits of your actions... Good or evil..  
You will be judged you will receive the benefits of your deeds..

Malachi 3:13 Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken [so much] against thee?

Malachi 3:14 Ye have said, It [is] vain to serve God: and what profit [is it] that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?

Malachi 3:15 And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, [they that] tempt God are even delivered.

Malachi 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard [it], and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

Malachi 3:17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

Malachi 3:18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this [is] the whole [duty] of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether [it be] good, or whether [it be] evil.

### **Conclusion:**

The Bible is clear about what it is to be deceived, who the deceivers are, how we can protect ourselves from being deceived..

Time and time again the Bible warns.. BE NOT DECIEVED.. BE NOT DECIEVED..

It is a love for the truth that will keep us from being deceived..

It is a love for his church that will protect us from being deceived..

It is a love for his return that will keep us on our toes from being deceived..

The Bible will protect you from being deceived..

Or deception will cause you to stray from the Bible..

### **BE NOT DECIEVED..**

**The Bible predicts in the end times many many shall be deceived by the wicked one...**

II Thessalonians 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

II Thessalonians 2:9 [Even him], whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

II Thessalonians 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

II Thessalonians 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:



II Thessalonians 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Matthew 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect.