

# Don't Let Anyone Mislead You

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**Text** Luke 21:8

## **Objective**

To stimulate believers to be as one of the Berean Christians who searched the Word of God daily to see whether what was taught was indeed reliable- Acts 17: 11.

## **What does the Bible say about deception or being misled?**

### **1. All Unregenerate People Are Misled Or Deceived.**

Titus 3:3; 2 Tim 3:13; Rev 12: 9; Rom 1: 29.

### **2. Christians Can Also Be Misled Or Deceived.**

Mat 24:4-5; Jam 1:16; 1 Tim 2:14; 2 Cor 11:3; 1 John 3:7.

### **3. Christians Must not Mislead People**

2 Cor 4:2.

### **4. How One Is Being Misled Or Deceived?**

- a. By Satan –The Deceiver- 2 Cor 11:3; 2 Cor 4:4; Rev 12:9.
- b. By smooth talk /flattery/empty words-Rom 16:17-18; Eph 5:4-6. e.g green jokes
- c. By false teaching, cunning and craftiness: Eph 4:14.
- d. By the lawless one - signs, wonders, miracles, evil: 2 Thes 2:9-10.
- e. By hollow and deceptive philosophy: Col 2:8 Illus Stephen Hawking- Today's Einstein- Disbelief in God –ABC News-Sept 3
- f. By false prophets: Rev 2:20; 2 Cor 11:13-20.
- g. By our own fleshly desires: Eph 4:22
- h. By our own heart: Jer 17:9; Isa 44:20.
- i. By riches and wealth: Mat 13:22.
- j. By sin: Hebrews 3:13; Rom 7:11.
- k. By lack of knowledge of the Word and the power of God: Mat 22:29.
- l. By demon-propagated doctrines: 1 Tim 4:1-3.

### **5. Who Is in Danger Of Being Misled?**

- a. Those who hear the Word of God, but do not apply it to their lives: James 1:22.
- b. Those who hear the Word of God, but do not apply it to their lives: Those who say they have no sin: 1 John 1:8.
- c. Those who think too much of themselves -Self –deceived- Gal 6:3
- d. Those who think they are wise-the proud 1 Cor 3:18.
- e. Those who plot evil against others: Prov 12:20.
- f. "Religious" people with unbridled tongues: James 1:26.
- g. Those who think they will not reap what they have sown: Gal 6:7-9.

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- h. Those who think the unrighteous will inherit the kingdom of God: 1Cor 6:9.
- i. Those who think that regular association with bad company will not have a corrupting effect on them: 1 Cor 15:33. 2Cor6:14
- j. Those who say Jesus Christ did not come in the flesh: 2 John 7.

## 6. Common Misleading Teachings In The Last Days.

- a. Some will claim to be the Christ, others will say He has already come for the second time; yet others will try to predict the date of the Second Coming. Mat 24:5; 2 Thes 2:1-3.
- b. There will be false prophets and false messages from the spiritual world: Mat 24:11.
- c. False prophets will perform signs and wonders: Mat 24:24.
- d. False doctrines will be taught: 1 Tim 4:1-3.

## Conclusion

How can We Deal With Misleading Guide In The Last Days?

- a. By thoroughly acquainting ourselves with the truth of the Word of God. *Attending a reliable local church and being open to correction from those who are better-versed in the Scriptures than us is also vital.*
- b. By whole-heartedly giving ourselves to the extension of the kingdom of God in the hearts of people through prayer, evangelism and discipleship training where-ever He places us.
- c. Through receiving discernment from the Lord and by practicing the use of the gift of discernment.
- d. Serving other Christians by exposing evil and countering it with truth from the Word of God.

Deliverance Is Possible!

- Acknowledge deception/bondage, e.g. Isa 6:5
- Repentance, e.g. Ps 51
- Cleansing with Jesus= blood, 1 John 1:7; Rev 12:11
- Put off old and put on new, Col 3:5-17.
- Counseling for deliverance
- Renounce / get rid of, Acts 19:19
- Resist the enemy, James 4:7
- Surrender under Jesus Christ, Rom 12:1
- Public confession of faith, Roms 10:9, 10
- Keep renewing mind; maintain growth in Christ, Rom 12:2; Eph 4:23