

OVERCOMING THE SPIRIT OF DECEPTION

A) God does not want you deceived

- Hosea 4: 6, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge”
- Prov. 29: 18 “Where there is no vision, the people perish”
- 1Cor. 12: 1 “Concerning spiritual gifts, he does not want us ignorant
- II Thes. 2: 3, Let no man deceive you by any means
- Eph. 5: 6 Let no man deceive you through vain (empty) words
- Eph. 4: 14, Be no more children, tossed here and there
- Luke 21: 8, Take heed that ye be not deceived”
- Gal. 3: 1-5, Foolish Galatians
- Gal. 1:6-9, I marvel that you are soon removed to another gospel
- Gal. 4:9-15, why are you back to tradition, observing days?

B) Why people are deceived

1. They are babies (Eph 4: 14; Heb. 5:11-14)
2. They are shallow
3. Desperation for answers
4. Critical spirit
5. Uncontrolled hunger for the supernatural
6. Looking for signs and wonders
7. Looking for words of prophecy
8. They want to see things
9. Ignorance, lack of knowledge
10. Church hoppers
11. Wrong company
12. Wrong location
13. Unspiritual, they’re fleshly
14. Itching ears
15. Not established in the word

C) How to identify deception

1. It is not based on the word
2. It does not build you
3. It does not allow you the freedom of choices-it is pushy and forceful
4. Brings fear
5. Condemns, judges, pick, finds fault, critical
6. Makes you dependant on man instead of on God
7. Jesus is not exalted as Lord, man is exalted
8. By their fruit you shall know them
9. They are narrow minded they can’t stand being around people of other persuasions
10. They speak empty words and promises – the words are not filled-they raise false hopes

11. They can't stand opposition, correction, they are right and everybody is wrong
12. They claim they have got the absolute truth