

This Deadly Lie Has Many Deceived—and There's Only One Escape

2 Peter 1:3-4: *"His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who has called us by His own glory and excellence, by which He has given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, so that through these things you might become partakers of the divine nature and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust."*

My spirit is stirred with a strong warning again this morning. Too many Christians are living in the world not realizing they are being programmed for destruction. People who are consumed with television, video games, all things internet, social media and such are taking in words, attitudes and ideas that are contrary to the word of God.

Since being home, after spending nine years in Malaysia, I cannot even watch television. The commercials promote demonic shows like "Sleepy Hollow." The choice of shows that will not defile my spirit are so limited and even those that seem safe, like "The Biggest Loser" or "Wheel of Fortune," are still saying things that are counter to the kingdom. The longer we consume these things, the more defiled we are becoming and we do not even realize it.

The world is the world. They can say and do what they want. However, we are called to escape from the system of the world, but we cannot do this if we want to be entertained by them and think that we are not being corrupted by them. When we battle to turn off the television versus read our Bible, listen to worship music or watch sermons on YouTube, we are showing how hungry we are for the world's entertainment and how engrossed

we are in the world's system.

Revelation 18:2-5: *"He cried out mightily with a loud voice, saying: 'Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!' She has become a dwelling place of demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, and a haunt for every unclean and hateful bird. For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her sexual immorality, the kings of the earth have committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury. Then I heard another voice from heaven saying: 'Come out of her, my people, lest you partake in her sins, and lest you receive her plagues. For her sins have reached up to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.'"*

The Lord is calling us to come out of the world's system, to come out once and for all, leave behind all that you used to know. The kingdom of God is at hand. The Lord is about to pour out His spirit upon all flesh. There are those who are going to rise to glory, and then there are those who are going to struggle to escape. We are called to come out. The exit door of grace is still open, but the time is drawing near when that door will close and it will be harder to escape. We need to be serious about the things of God—no more playing in our food, thinking we have time. Time is running out. The power to escape is available, the door is still open, and the Lord is calling people to come out.

Every day we choose life or death. With what we put in our mouth, we are choosing either life or death. With what we watch with our eyes, we are choosing either life or death. With what we hear, we are choosing either life or death. No one can choose for you. This is a choice you have to make on your own. You are responsible to choose life!

My life has radically changed in the area of my belief about who I am. The Lord has revealed to me that I do not see myself worthy of deserving to succeed in every area of my life.

Because I believed I was not worthy of this, I waited for others to love me, encourage me and advise me because I was not convinced I deserved to succeed. But this self-sabotaging belief has been exposed and I know that I deserve to be fit, fun and fabulous, I deserve to choose life. I deserve to live the abundant life. I deserve to prosper in health, body and soul. Once I changed the way I believed, it changed my attitude, my outlook, my actions, my everything. Now every choice I make is leading me either to life or death and it is no one else's choice for me. I choose it. Joshua said, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!" He chose life. I choose life. What do you choose?

The power to escape, the power to choose life, the power to change the way you believe, the power to prepare for the next move of God is upon us right now. Today we have to decide what we want. The world is programming all of those in that system for the coming destruction and if we consume what they are serving we are choosing death and there will be no one to blame but ourselves.

You have to believe the power to escape is available to you and you are worth more than consuming worldly teachings, ideas and attitudes. You were created to live, and live abundantly. You deserve to succeed in body, soul and spirit. You deserve to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your strength, and you deserve to love your neighbor as you love yourself. You have the power to escape.

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