

How You Can Avoid Being Deceived

Don't be fooled by the enemy's tactics. Don't ignore your spiritual discernment. Don't let others tell you that you are misinterpreting the Bible.

Demons are influencing the minds of many people today including those who possess power, money and fame. Even Christian leaders are bowing down to cultural influence.

Demons can and will drive people to lie, cheat, compromise and do evil. The devil uses the most prominent individuals and effective mass means of communicating to promote his lies and agenda. Among the lies being told today are:

Abortion is an act of "loving your neighbor as yourself"...this is a lie.

People are born in the wrong body and assigned the wrong gender, so we must help them correct this mistake...this is a lie.

Exposing even the youngest children to sexual preferences, sexual acts, nudity and explicit written content makes them more aware and accepting of others choices...this is a lie.

Socialism is compassionate and kind, and people are helped by its many benefits...this is a lie.

Save the planet at any cost including the destruction of the economy, food, supplies and individual freedoms...this is a lie.

These are just a few of the lies people have embraced. This thinking is not compassionate or loving, and it is absolutely not from the Bible.

These lies are all from the devil. The love and compassion

people truly need is found in the pages of the Bible. Only this kind of compassion will bring the acceptance and inner peace people long for.

Romans 5:8 tells us "God demonstrates His own love (and compassion) toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." God has shown great compassion for the entire human race by sending Jesus Christ to redeem us. This is the compassion that changes people's lives and brings hope, and God's compassion is revealed all throughout His Word:

- God is compassionate towards the person who repents and turns from their sin (Luke 15:20)
- God is compassionate towards His children (not everyone is God's child) God is compassionate towards little children (Matt. 19:13-14; Matt. 18:3)
- God has compassion for the nation of Israel (Deut. 30:3; 2 Kings 13:23; Ps. 78:38)
- God is moved with compassion to heal the sick (Matt. 14:14; Mark 1:41; Luke 7:12-14)
- God has compassion for the poor and hungry (Matt. 15:32; Mark 8:2)
- God has compassion for those who call upon Him with a sincere heart
- God is compassionate on those who persevere under trials (James 5:11)

☒ Know this too: God's wrath is upon the sons of disobedience. His wrath abides on those who reject Him. He calls those who practice sin liars. Jesus had harsh words for the religious hypocrites who were full of pride, deception, envy and wickedness. This same spirit of wickedness is found today in many politicians, media personalities, Hollywood actors, affluent people and false Christians.

Let's take the time to examine our lives and look at any ways we have been deceived. Have we made any decisions from fear, false information or from the wrong motive? Let's decide in

our hearts with God's grace, to make bold, faith-filled decisions. Let's show others real love and compassion by standing firm on the Bible.

It's the Word of God that brings the healing, hope and change people desperately need today. We are equipped by the Holy Spirit to courageously speak the truth in love. Let's choose to fear God rather than man.

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