

It is the Christians responsibility to be alert to spiritual deception. It is the height of irony, that in an age when the Bible is so readily available that spiritual deception is so prevalent. Never, in the history of the church has the Word of God been more easily accessible to Christians. Yet in the history of the church there have been few ages when spiritual deception has been more prevalent. We live in an age when deceivers go unchallenged and Christians lap up every wind of doctrine which comes their way.

The skepticism with which the church should receive so called prophets, apostles and miracle workers could not be more clearly stated by God the Holy Spirit. 1 John 4:1 ***Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*** The first response by the church to mystical spiritual event, to miracles, spiritual manifestations and so called revelations is to be one of skepticism. We are instructed to withhold our believe till after the test. We are exhorted by God the Holy Spirit to not blindly accept all that is spiritual, all that is miraculous as from God but rather to first test it, then after it has been subject to the harsh light of the Word of God to decide from what spirit or spirits the event originates.

Yet the response of the modern church is just the opposite. If it is spiritual, if it is miraculous, if it is mystical, if it is mysterious, then it is unconditionally accepted as from God. In fact to question a spiritual event, a miracle, a so-called prophet or apostle is seen as unspiritual, as being without faith, being rigid, as quenching the spirit. The church has drifted so far as to label those men steeped in the great doctrines of the Word of God as rigid and unspiritual, while classifying those who are engage in spiritism apart form the testing of the Word of God as spiritually powerful, enlightened and the new wave of spiritual men, modern prophets, apostles and miracle workers.

It is the prayer of the author that this series of Daily Quiet Times Alone With God will move the disciple from that class of Christians described in Ephesians 4:14 ***“As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine , by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;”*** to those who are truly spiritual as described in Acts 17:11 ***“Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.”*** That rather than believing every spirit, spiritual event, miracle, so called prophet, apostle and miracle worker, that instead you would subject all to the test of the Word of God. Taking time to study the Scriptures and subject what is occurring and judge it by the holy, eternal, inerrant, Word of God. If it did not bother the Apostle Paul to have his teachings, his miracles his spiritual events subjected to the Word of God, then no one should view himself above this scrutiny.

By His mercy,

II Corinthians 4:1

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: I John 4:1; Hebrews 5:14

What does this passage have to say about the danger of spiritual deception?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: II Corinthians 10:5

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Ephesians 5:6

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Colossians 2:4 – 8

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: II Timothy 2:23

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: II Timothy 4:3 & 4

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Titus 1:13 & 14

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Titus 3:9

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Romans 1:21 & 22

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: II Peter 2:18 & 19

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Revelation 13:5, 12 – 15

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: II Thessalonians 2:9 & 10

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Hebrews 5:11 – 6:3

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Psalm 119:125

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: II Thessalonians 2:13

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Deuteronomy 17:18 – 20

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Joshua 1:8

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Psalm 119:9 & 11 & 105

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Acts 17:11

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Romans 15:4; Acts 20:32

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Matthew 22:29; Luke 24:27

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