

ONLINE SERMON
THE STRATEGIST - THE BEST KIND OF DECEPTION
PART 2 OF 2
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THREE THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

1) We should not be surprised that some will turn away from the truth faith.

1 Timothy 4.1 tells us, *“...some will turn away from the true faith.”*

There are many who PROFESS Jesus, but they do not POSSESS Jesus.

Matthew 24.10,11 *And many will turn away from Me and betray and hate each other. And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people.*

Acts 20.28-30 *So guard yourselves and God’s people. Feed and shepherd God’s flock—His church, purchased with His own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as elders. 29 I know that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock. 30 Even some men from your own group will rise up and distort the truth in order to draw a following.*

**DECEPTION AND DISTORTION ARE THE PRIME INGREDIENTS
FOR ANY FALSE TEACHER.**

Hebrews 3.12 *Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God.*

2) False teaching is never announced with the intent of detection because the source is demonic.

1 Timothy 4.1 continues *“...they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.”*

Another common characteristic about a false teacher is their motivation to be admired and followed.

3) False teachers gain an audience through seduction, deception, and manipulation.

1 Timothy 4.2... *“These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead.”*

HYPOCRITE = pretense or one who wears a mask

LIARS = cannot tell the Truth because they do not know the truth.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

1. What you believe will determine the direction of your life.
2. The constant threat of defection(s) from the true faith should not be surprising. We should be more determined to graft God's Truth deeper and deeper into our conscience.
3. Satan is the master liar, thief, and destroyer. He knows the best kind of deception to cause many to leave the true faith.

Proverbs 4.23 *Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.*

Dear Lord Jesus,

I sense that I am being drawn to You. I have the desire to be right with You. I admit that in my life I have sinned and have done things with my mind and body that is clearly against Your will. Forgive me and purify my heart. I ask You to wash away the guilt of my sins and to make me a friend of God. May I live in freedom, peace, and purpose all the days of my life because of Your grace. AMEN.