

# Be Not Deceived

## Part 3

### 1 John 2

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I write to you, dear children,  
because you know the Father.

I write to you, fathers,  
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men,  
because you are strong,  
and the word of God lives in you,  
and you have overcome the evil one.

**15** Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. **16** For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. **17** The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

**18** Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come.

## Be Not Deceived by the Flesh

### Vs. 16

For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.

- **There is something we all have to be very aware of here...**

### Even if:

- you know the Father.
- you know him who is from the beginning.

- you are strong
- the word of God lives in you
- you have overcome the evil one.

### **Vs. 15**

Do not love the world or anything in the world.

- **We were all born with a sin nature...**

### **Romans 5:12** KJV

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

### **Psalms 51:5** NIV

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
And in sin my mother conceived me.

### **Proverbs 14:12** NKJV

There is a way that seems right to a man,  
But its end is the way of death.

**That is one of the main differences between you and an Angel...**

**Angels are not born in sin...**

**They were not born with a nature to sin...**

**When Satan led a third of the angels into sin, he so deceived them that they sinned without a sin nature...**

**This is why Satan will be thrown in the Lake of Fire without a trial...**

**Ezekiel 28:15,16** NKJV

You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created,  
Till iniquity was found in you.  
By the abundance of your trading  
You became filled with violence within,  
And you sinned;

**Iniquity was found in Satan even though God made him perfect...**

- **Put not trust in the flesh...**

*“That old flesh is dumb like a stick”* **Stephen Fontenot**

**Vs. 16**

...the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.

**What is lust:** *desire, craving, longing; desire for what is forbidden*

the desire, craving, longing of the flesh  
The desire, craving, longing of the eyes

**What is pride:** *empty talk, empty presumption, empty assurance*

**Isaiah 14:14,15** NKJV

For you have said in your heart:  
'I will ascend into heaven,  
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;  
I will also sit on the mount of the congregation  
On the farthest sides of the north;

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,  
I will be like the Most High.'

## **Galatians 5:24**

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

## **Be Not Deceived by Pressure**

### **Matthew 5**

#### **10**

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**11** “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **12** Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

- This calls for strength and resolve...
- The calling upon our lives is to not cave in to pressure but to serve the Lord even if there is pressure to give in, is like the kind of pressure the prophets of old faced...
- I learned early in my Christian walk; if I'm going live for God and stand up for the convictions the Holy Spirit gives me, there will be some who will oppose...
- Will I stand or will I permit...

Many of the tests we face are connected to this...  
In the Garden the serpent came and tested Eve...

The serpent did two things in deceiving Eve...

#1. He caused Eve to question; did God really say?

#2. He caused Eve to doubt the consequence of her disobedience?

**Here is my question to you:**

**1. Who did God speak to saying not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?**

### **Genesis 2**

**15** The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. **16** And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; **17** but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

**Eve wasn't created until Vs. 22**

**2. Where was Adam when the serpent tempted Eve?**

### **Genesis 3:6**

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

- **Eve sinned because she was tempted and deceived...**
- **Adam sinned because he let it happen...**

**Lord raise up a Generation that won't just sit there and let it happen...**

**Don't be Deceived by Pressure**

**Do you remember Elijah and Ahab**

- Ahab was married to Jezebel and he let it happen...
- That witch Jezebel lead the nation of Israel away from God, but for her to be successful, the demon in her needed an Ahab to stand back and let it happen...

- But for God to stop it, He only needed an Elijah...
- Elijah confronted Ahab with his prophets of Baal and Asherah turning the nation back to God...
- Elijah stood up and didn't let it happen any more...

### **Do you remember John the Baptizer and Herod the King**

Herod was an evil king who took his brother's wife...

Herod was living in sin and His brother Phillip let it happen...

But then God raised up a man named John who preached "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." Mark 6:18

- There are Jezebel like and Herod like situations today...
- We have certain responsibilities...
- First to our own life and then to the ones God has given us...
- We are called to speak those situations...
- Speak to your kids...
- Speak to your family...
- Don't fall into the trap Adam fell in to and say nothing...

### **Don't be Deceived by Pressure**

### **Be Not Deceived by What's Popular**

#### **Matthew 7**

**13** "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

**14** Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

## **Matthew 15**

**12** Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?”

**13** He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. **14** Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

## **Closing Song:**

**Be Not Deceived by the Flesh**

**Be Not Deceived by Pressure**

**Be Not Deceived by What’s Popular**

There is a reward for those who don’t give in

## **Revelation 22**

**12** “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.

**14** “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.