

## **Are you DECEIVED?**

*"If sinners entice you, do not consent." - Proverbs 1:10*

That question can almost be disrespectful to a point. We consider being lied to, the equivalent of being a fool and someone getting one over on us. Because no one likes to be the fool, we would never consider ourselves to be deceived. The reality is that satan, Father of Lies, is very good at his job and from time to time he uses human vehicles to get his objectives accomplished.

The thing about being lied to, is that you usually don't know you're being lied to. In a season of seeking God this summer, God positioned the question to me to ask if I was being deceived. I never thought in a million years I would be deceived. I study truth for a living. The reality was that I was being deceived...BUT once I realized and recognized the deception, I did whatever I had to do to get back to truth. I didn't stay and just get sad because I was deceived, I did whatever it took to get into truth.

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world (1 John 4:1). We can be deceived in many different ways: people, upbringing, society...and even false Biblical teachings. That is why it is our job to know God and study His word. In a world of "Fake News", it is important we know the truth.

God created absolute truth so that we would have a "North Star" we could follow. The enemy will always try to lead us astray but as long as we keep our eyes on God we will never get lost.

**P2R (Point 2 Remember):** "You can believe in whatsoever you like, but the truth remains the truth, no matter how sweet the lie may taste." —  
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