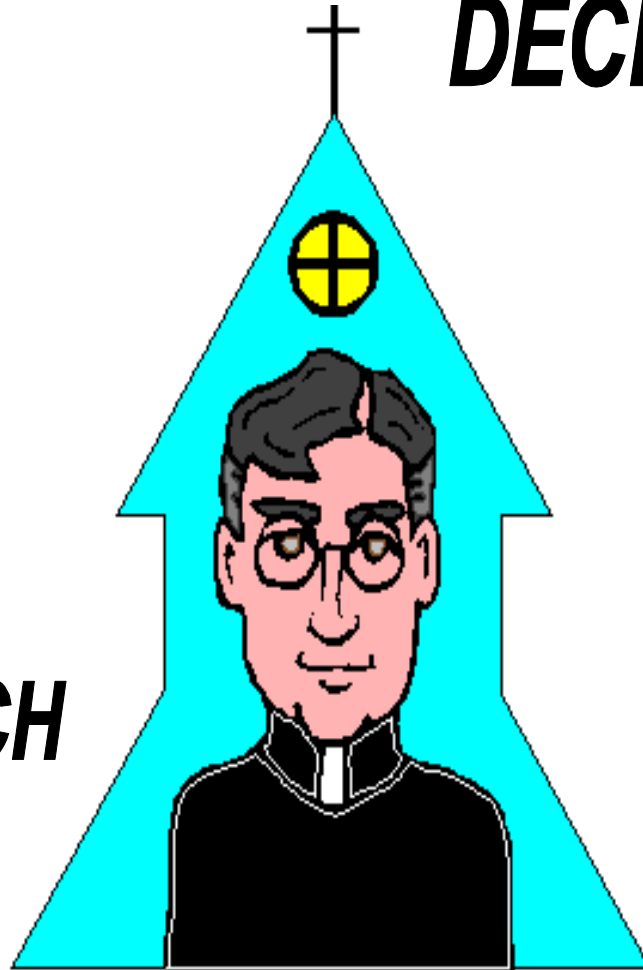


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**2 Tim 3:13**  
**But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse,**  
**deceiving, and being deceived.**

# ***DECEIVERS AND THE DECEIVED IN THE CHURCH***

*A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ*

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## INTRODUCTION:

There are many “Deceivers” in the Church today. There are also many in the Church that are being “Deceived”.

The difference being, that most of the “Deceivers” are sent by the enemy, and although some of the “Deceived” are too, most of the “Deceived” are just not aware of what’s going on. They are very naive or immature. (Hebrews 5:14)

I believe that some of the “Deceivers” as well as those being “Deceived” do not actually know that they are being “Deceived”.

Satan has many in this group completely under his control.

This Study Guide is being made available to Pastors/Priests and Church Leaders to help them evaluate those in the Church that are causing problems, to see if they fall in the categories of the “Deceived” that are established in the Word of God.

The Scriptures not only reveal who these people are, but in many cases what the answer is as to what we are to do with them.

In these last days, it is time to take action and to get rid of many of these ‘troublemakers’ before they destroy your Church.

We need to challenge these people not ignore them, so that they might realize their problem and Repent and get Saved. (Ezekiel 18:30-32)

If you continue to ignore them, you might be the one responsible for them going to Hell! (Ezekiel 3:17-21 Ezekiel 33:7-9)

Many of these “Deceivers” are the ones that cause ‘Division and Strife’ in the Church; thereby, causing the disruption and permanent growth of the Church. (1 Corinthians 3:3)

I say permanent growth, because some churches experience temporary growth through man’s methods, but the growth does not last.

Unfortunately, the “Deceivers” and/or the “Deceived” may also include Pastors/Priests and Church Leaders.

For additional reading, please read the Study Guide on “The Body and the Church” by Timothy II.

# DECEIVERS AND THE DECEIVED IN THE CHURCH

## I. FALSE APOSTLES:

These are those “Deceivers” that have another Jesus, another spirit, and/or another gospel!

The Answer: Check out their doctrine, and try (test) their spirit. Have Faith and know that you can handle this.

### **2 Cor 11:3-4**

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if **he that cometh preacheth another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or **if ye receive another spirit**, which ye have not received, **or another gospel**, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. (That you can handle it)

### **2 Cor 11:13-15**

13 **For such are false apostles**, deceitful workers, **transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ**.

14 And no marvel; for **Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light**.

15 **Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness**; whose end shall be according to their works.

### **Rev 2:2**

2 **I know thy works**, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: **and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:**

## II. FALSE PROPHETS:

There are many “False Prophets” in the Church as well as some “False Apostles”.

However, this does not mean that they are ALL False.

The Answer: Beware of them. Test their spirit.

You shall know them by their Fruits.

### **Matt 7:15-20**

15 **Beware of false prophets**, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 **Ye shall know them by their fruits**. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but **a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.**

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore **by their fruits ye shall know them.**

We need to try (test) the spirits to see if they are of God, that is why it is important to have the ‘Charisma Gift’ of the ‘discerning of spirits’. (1 Corinthians 12:10)  
 “False Prophets” are of the World, that is why they are always speaking of the world and worldly things!

### **I Jn 4:1-6**

1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but **try the spirits whether they are of God:** because **many false prophets are gone out into the world.**

2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: **Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:**

3 And **every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God:** and **this is that spirit of antichrist,** whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

5 **They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world,** and the world heareth them.

6 **We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us;** he that is not of God heareth not us. **Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.**

### **III. FALSE TEACHERS:**

There are “False Teachers” at work in the Church and MANY will follow them.. They will not speak of the way of real Truth (which is through Jesus), but through covetousness they will confuse the listeners.

The Answer: Don’t fellowship with them, and don’t eat with them.

Check out the doctrine of those Teachers in your Church.

Don’t let the “False Teachers” Teach. If they don’t like it, get rid of them.

### **2 Pet 2:1-3**

1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as **there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord** that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 **And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.**

3 And **through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you:** whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

These “False Teachers” are ‘Self Willed’ and walk after the ‘Flesh’. They speak evil of the things they do not understand. They continue in their sin and make excuses for it.

#### **2 Pet 2:10**

10 But chiefly **them that walk after the flesh** in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. **Presumptuous are they, selfwilled,** they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

#### **2 Pet 2:12-15**

12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, **speak evil of the things that they understand not;** and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, **sporting themselves with their own deceivings** while they feast with you;

14 Having eyes full of adultery, and **that cannot cease from sin;** beguiling unstable souls: **an heart they have exercised with covetous practices;** cursed children:

15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

Through ‘Prideful Words’ and the ‘Lusts of the Flesh’, they allure those in your Church who have just been cleansed. They promise them ‘freedom’, but actually put them back into ‘bondage’ and cause them to fall. (Matthew 23:13)

#### **2 Pet 2:18-20**

18 For when **they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh,** through much wantonness, **those that were clean escaped from them** who live in error.

19 **While they promise them liberty,** they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, **of the same is he brought in bondage.**

20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, **they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.**

### **IV. FALSE BRETHREN:**

Paul talks about the ‘Perils’ he encountered in his journeys; one of them being among “False Brethren”.

These “False Brethren” have been brought in by Satan to check out the churches, to keep them from being ‘free’ in Christ, and to try to bring them into his bondage.

That is, to put them back under man’s laws, and traditions of men.

(Read the Study Guide “The Traditions of Men” by Timothy II)  
The Answer: Look for these spys.

**2 Cor 11:26**

26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, **in perils among false brethren;**

**Gal 2:4**

4 And that because of **false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty** which we have in Christ Jesus, **that they might bring us into bondage:**

**V. CERTAIN MEN CREPT IN UNAWARES:**

We as Pastors/Priests and Church Leaders need to contend for the ‘Faith’. This is a War! There are men and women that have come into our churches unnoticed, that are corrupting the “Body of Christ”. They must be stopped!

The Answer: Contend for the Faith! Have compassion on some, and some win with FEAR!

**Jude 1:3-8**

3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and **exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith** which was once delivered unto the saints.

4 **For there are certain men crept in unawares**, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, **ungodly men**, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

5 **I will therefore put you in remembrance**, though ye once knew this, **how that the Lord**, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, **afterward destroyed them that believed not.**

6 **And the angels which kept not their first estate**, but left their own habitation, **he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.**

7 **Even as Sodom and Gomorrhah**, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, **are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.**

8 Likewise also **these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.**

These ‘creeps’ commit all kinds of sin. Yet we allow them to ‘fellowship’ with us and to enjoy the company of the Saints, WHY?

**Jude 1:8**

8 Likewise also **these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.**

**Jude 1:10**

10 But **these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally**, as brute beasts, **in those things they corrupt themselves.**

**Jude 1:12-13**

12 **These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear:** clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, **without fruit**, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

13 Raging waves of the sea, **foaming out their own shame**; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

**Jude 1:16**

16 **These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.**

We have been warned by the 'Apostles of the Lamb' and now by the "Apostle of God".

**Jude 1:17-19**

17 But, beloved, **remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;**

18 **How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.**

19 **These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.**

These men and women are headed for Hell. Perhaps the Lord will have mercy on them and save some of them either through compassion or FEAR.

**Jude 1:22-23**

22 And of some have **compassion**, making a difference:

23 And others save with **fear**, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

## **VI. ANTI-CHRISTS:**

One of the 'signs' of the last days is the number of "Anti-Christ".

It is obviously the last days as many of them are in the world today.

Their doctrine is that it is OK to believe or not believe that Jesus came in the flesh.

Many of these "Anti-Christ" came from the 'Christian Church' originally, but were obviously 'Unbelievers'. They left the Church and are now in 'Anti-Christian Churches', or leading these Churches.

They do not have the promise of Eternal life.

The Answer: Let them go! They are not of us!

**I Jn 2:18-26**

18 Little children, **it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.**

19 **They went out from us, but they were not of us;** for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: **but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.**

20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? **He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.**

23 **Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father:** (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. **If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.**

25 **And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.**

26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

**I Jn 4:3**

3 And every **spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist,** whereof ye have heard that it should come; **and even now already is it in the world.**

**VII. THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER:**

These are those people that may have prayed the ‘Sinner’s Prayer’ and still may not be Saved! These too, need to be challenged, and don’t be afraid to have them pray the Sinner’s Prayer over again. Only this time they must mean it in their hearts!

The Answer: Repray the Sinner’s Prayer, and see that they take heed how they hear!

**Luke 8:11-15**

11 Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God.**

12 Those by the way side are **they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.**

13 They on the rock are **they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.**

14 And that which fell among thorns are **they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.**

15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

**Luke 8:18**

18 **Take heed therefore how ye hear:** for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

### **VIII. THOSE THAT PROFESS THAT THEY KNOW GOD:**

These ‘Deceivers’ and ‘Vain Talkers’ teach things for the money.  
They teach ‘fables’ and ‘the commandments of men’.  
They profess they know God, but in their works they deny Him.  
The Answer: Stop their mouths and Rebuke them sharply!

#### **Titus 1:10-16**

10 **For there are many** unruly and vain talkers and **deceivers**, specially they of the circumcision:

11 **Whose mouths must be stopped**, who subvert whole houses, **teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.**

12 One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

13 This witness is true. **Wherefore rebuke them sharply**, that they may be sound in the faith;

14 **Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men**, that turn from the truth.

15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but **even their mind and conscience is defiled.**

16 **They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him**, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

### **IX. THOSE HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS:**

Those that have a “Form of Godliness” are easy to recognize as they have many many characteristics that are easy to spot.

The most obvious one in the Church is that they deny the ‘POWER’ of God.

The Answer: Turn away from them! Their sins will be revealed!

#### **2 Tim 3:1-9**

1 This know also, **that in the last days** perilous times shall come.

2 For **men shall be lovers of their own selves**, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,  
 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.  
 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.  
 9 But they shall proceed no further: **for their folly shall be manifest unto all men,** as theirs also was.

## **X. SOME SHALL DEPART FROM THE FAITH:**

In these last days, some are going to “Depart from the Faith”, listening to demons. They will be known by their ‘refusing to marry’ and to ‘command others not to eat meat’. Others are going to fall out of the Church, because of unbelief. That is God’s problem, not ours.

The Answer: Let them go!

### **1 Tim 4:1-3**

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that **in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;**  
 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;  
 3 **Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats,** which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

### **John 6:64-66**

64 But **there are some of you that believe not.** For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.  
 65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that **no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.**  
 66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

## **XI. THE LORD LORD GROUP:**

Many are calling out to the Lord and saying “Lord Lord”. These people are no doubt in the Church and consider themselves Christians. They obviously believe they are functioning in the ‘Charisma Gifts’ of the Spirit, but they are not in God’s Will. Either they are praying with Christians that are truly exercising the Gifts or they are imitating the Gifts through the Devil. Some of these people are in ‘Church Leadership’. The Answer: Check out the spirits of ‘believers’ no matter how long they have said they are Christians! Look in their eyes! Their Eternity is at stake! Remember this “Lord Lord” group is really not Saved!

### **Matt 7:21-23**

21 **Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;** but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 **Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord,** have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you:** depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

## **XII. THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS:**

The important thing to remember about this parable is that they were all called “Virgins”! A parallel to this parable would be if they were all CALLED ‘Christians’.

This would mean that half, or 50% of them are not ‘Saved’.

Compare that to your Church Body!

The Answer: Again, the answer is to challenge your flock, and to ‘WATCH’ and always be ready!

### **Matt 25:1-13**

1 **Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.**

2 And five of them were wise, and **five were foolish.**

3 **They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:**

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, **they all slumbered and slept.**

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

7 **Then all those virgins arose,** and trimmed their lamps.

8 **And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil;** for our lamps are gone out.

9 But **the wise answered, saying, Not so;** lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and **they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.**

11 **Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord,** open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, **I know you not.**

13 **Watch therefore,** for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

## **XIII. THOSE THAT SAY JESUS ISN'T COMING SOON:**

We must always be ‘Watching’ and anticipating the soon Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

No matter whether He comes before the Tribulation, in the middle of it, or after it, we must be found ‘Watching’.

If His Servants are found not Watching, and begin to live worldly, partying and drinking, they will be ‘cut off’ and be as an ‘Unbeliever’.

The Answer: For all of us is to continually WATCH! (1 Peter 4:18)

### **Luke 12:36-48**

36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

### **XIV. ENEMIES OF THE CROSS:**

The many “Enemies of the Cross” are those that live after earthly things, who live for food, and glory in their shame. (1 Corinthians 11:20-22)

The Answer: Mark them or take note of them!

### **Phil 3:17-19**

17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and **mark them which walk** so as ye have us for an ensample.

18 **(For many walk**, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, **that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:**

19 **Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)**

## **XV. "SO CALLED" BROTHERS & SISTERS:**

Even though we must at times keep company with those in this world that are fornicators, etc. There are those that CALL themselves "Brothers and Sisters" that ARE fornicators (sexually immoral), covetous (greedy), idolaters (stubborn), railers (slanderer, reviler), drunkards, or extortioners (swindler). These are they that are caught up in the "Works of the Flesh".

The Answer is: Not to keep company with them, not to eat with them, and to put them away from among yourselves!

### **1 Cor 5:9-13**

9 I wrote unto you in an epistle **not to company with fornicators:**

10 **Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world**, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

11 **But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.**

12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?

13 But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore **put away from among yourselves that wicked person.**

### **Gal 5:19-21**

19 **Now the works of the flesh are manifest**, which are these; **Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,**

20 **Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,**

21 **Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like:** of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that **they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**

## **XVI. THOSE THAT CAUSE DIVISION:**

There are those 'Carnal' people in the Church that cause "Division".

The Answer is to: Mark them, Avoid them, and Finally, get Rid of them!

### **1 Cor 3:3**

3 For ye are yet carnal: for **whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?**

**Rom 16:17-18**

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them which cause divisions and offences** contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; **and avoid them.**

18 **For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.**

### **XVII. THOSE THAT CAUSE STRIFE:**

There are those ‘Scorners’ in the Church that are ‘Contentious’ (quarrelsome), and proud, and that tell tales. These are the ones that cause “Strife” (struggles, violent conflict, dissension).

The Answer is: Get Rid of them! (Proverbs 15:12)

**Prov 15:18**

18 **A wrathful man stirreth up strife:** but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

**Prov 26:21**

21 **As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.**

**Prov 26:22**

22 **The words of a talebearer are as wounds,** and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

**Prov 26:20**

20 **Where no wood is,** there the fire goeth out: **so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.**

**Prov 13:10**

10 Only by pride cometh contention:

**Prov 28:25**

25 **He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife:**

**Prov 22:10**

10 **Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.**

### **XVII. THE DECEITFUL:**

The “Deceitful” are those wicked people in the Church that are ‘full’ of hatred.

They are ‘false witnesses’ and never lead anyone to the Lord!

The Answer is: Expose them before the whole Church!

**Prov 11:18**

18 **The wicked worketh a deceitful work:** but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.

**Prov 12:5**

5 The thoughts of the righteous are right: but **the counsels of the wicked are deceit.**

**Prov 12:17**

17 He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but **a false witness deceit.**

**Prov 14:25**

25 **A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful witness speaketh lies.**

**Prov 26:24-28**

24 **He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit** within him;

25 **When he speaketh fair, believe him not:** for there are seven abominations in his heart.

26 **Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation.**

27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

28 **A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it;** and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

**XVIII. HE THAT SOWS DISCORD:**

The 'Froward' person is the one that "Sows Discord" (disagreement, lack of harmony, lack of agreement in opinion) among the Brethren.

The Answer: Warn him, or He shall be suddenly Broken!

**Prov 6:12-19**

12 A naughty person, **a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.**

13 **He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;**

14 **Frowardness is in his heart,** he deviseth mischief continually; **he soweth discord.**

15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; **suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.**

16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and **he that soweth discord among brethren.**

**XIX. THE RESPECTER OF PERSONS:**

Neither should the 'Church Body' nor the 'Church Leadership' be "Respecters of Persons".

The Answer: Repent!

**Prov 24:23**

23 These things also belong to the wise. **It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.**

**Prov 28:21**

21 **To have respect of persons is not good: for for a piece of bread that man will transgress.**

**James 2:1-9**

1 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, **with respect of persons.**

2 For **if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel,** and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

3 **And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing,** and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

4 **Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?**

5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

6 **But ye have despised the poor.** Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

9 **But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.**

**Rom 2:11**

11 **For there is no respect of persons with God.**

**XX. GRIEVOUS WOLVES:**

When the ‘Spiritual Overseer’ (the “Apostle/Messenger of God”) leaves from the local Church, look out! “Wolves” will enter in.

The Answer: Take heed to yourselves and to the flock. Feed them good doctrine!

**Acts 20:28-29**

28 **Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock,** over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to **feed the church of God,** which he hath purchased with his own blood.

29 **For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.**

**XXI. AND OF YOUR OWN SELVES:**

When the ‘Spiritual Overseer’ (the “Apostle/Messenger of God”) leaves, even “those of the Church” will arise to split the Church and to draw away people after them.

The Answer: Watch! Receive the ‘Warnings’ of the “Apostle/Messenger of God”!

### **Acts 20:30-31**

30 **Also of your own selves shall men arise**, speaking perverse things, **to draw away disciples after them.**

31 **Therefore watch**, and remember, that by the space of three years **I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.**

## **CONCLUSION:**

A Warning to Pastors/Priests and Church Leaders.

### **Heb 3:12-15**

12 **Take heed, brethren**, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

13 But **exhort one another daily, while it is called To day**; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

14 **For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;**

15 While it is said, **Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts**, as in the provocation.

### **1 Pet 4:17-18**

17 **For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God**: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

18 **And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?**

### **Rom 13:11-14**

11 **And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.**

12 **The night is far spent, the day is at hand**: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But **put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.**

**AMEN!**

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