

Sunday, August 22, 2021

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: Vulnerability to Spiritual Warfare, 5 Deception, Part 2

Text: 2nd Timothy 3:1 - 17

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation to the major and most effective tactic of the adversary; that is the device of DECEPTION! The reason this device is so effective is – the nature of deception is we are not aware that we have been deceived but are convinced that our understanding is correct.

Introduction:

~ Review of August 8 devotional:
Vulnerability to Deception, Part 1:

1. Satan's Deception About the Reality of God, Psalm 14:1; Proverbs 1:7
2. Satan's Deception About Jesus, Acts 4:12
3. Satan's Deception About the Judgment of God, Revelation 20:15

~ deception, meaning (Merriam-Webster.com): "the act of causing someone to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid: the act of deceiving resorting to falsehood and deception, used deception to leak the classified information. (b) the fact or condition of being deceived, the deception of his audience."

~ Scripture to consider regarding "deceived": Genesis 3:13; *Deuteronomy 11:16; 1 Samuel 28:12; Ezekiel 14:9; Obadiah 3; John 7:47; Romans 7:11; *1 Corinthians 6:9; *1 Corinthians 15:33; *2 Corinthians 11:3; *Galatians 6:7; 1 Timothy 2:14; **2 Timothy 3:13; James 1:16; Revelation 18:23; Revelation 19:20; Revelation 20:10

~ deceivers: 2 John 7

~ deceiving: James 1:22

1. Satan's Deception About Repentance, Confession and Renunciation:

~ "I am basically a good person and have no need to repent."

"To confess or publicly renounce something does nothing but embarrass me!"

~ **Titus 2:11 – 14**, "*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, (12) training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, (13) waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, (14) who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*"

~ **Acts 2:38**, "*And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

~ **James 5:16**, "*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*"

2. Satan's Deception About NOT Being Involved in Discipleship:

~ "Faith is a personal thing and does not require relationships, coaching, or commitment to a group."

"My church is nature; that is where I feel closest to God."

"I can worship god anywhere."

~ **Ecclesiastes 4:12**, "*And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him – a three-fold cord is not quickly broken.*"

~ **Luke 10:1**, "*After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.*"

~ **Mark 6:7**, "*And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.*"

~ **Matthew 28:19 – 20**, "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*"

~ **Hebrews 10:25**, "*not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*"

3. Satan's Deception About NOT Praying:

~ "There is no god, so what is the point!"

"I tried prayer (once) and nothing happened."

~ **Matthew 6:1 - 13**

~ **James 4:1 - 10**

~ **James 5:16 – 18**, "*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (17) Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. (18) Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore fruit.*"

Conclusion:

Ephesians 6:10 – 12, "*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. (11) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. (12) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*"