“Be Not Deceived”

1 Cor. 6:9; 15:33; Gal. 6:7

Introduction:

A. It is easy to let ourselves be deceived.
   1. From without. (cf. 1 Jno. 3:7).
      a. By what we are told
         (1) Family received false notice of death of son during war.
         (2) False doctrine.
      b. By our senses.
         (1) Grandpa King's dog.
         (2) Jacob's "hairy arms".
         (3) Joseph's bloody coat.
   2. From within. (cf. 1 John 1:8)
      a. Our state of mind.
         (1) A desire for pleasure rather than truth. (2 Thess. 2:10-12).
         (2) A desire to have a thing so: “Blind love”; “Miracle cures”
      b. Our ignorance. (cf. 1 Tim. 1:13).
         (1) Kicking “cat” in dark.
         (2) Medicine without reading label.

B. It must be especially easy to be deceived in three areas where specific warning given.

Discussion:

I. Be Not Deceived About Who Is Going to Heaven. (1 Cor. 6:9,10)
   A. Many think all people are going regardless...
   B. Many think all good moral people are going regardless...
      1. Unbelievers? (John 8:24; Mk. 16:16).
   C. Many think all good religious people are going regardless...
      1. Some believe in God and Jesus will not go. (Matt. 7:21-23; Jas. 2:19).
      2. Some believers apostatize. (1 Cor. 9:27).

II. Be Not About The Influence Of Evil Company. (1 Cor. 15:33).
   A. Cannot avoid all worldly company. (1 Cor. 5:10).
   B. Do need to avoid close company with evil ones - like “running with”.
   C. May form evil companionships in a number of areas.
      1. Morally and doctrinally (Context of 1 Cor.15:33 is doctrinal).
      2. Romantically: Dating and marriage.
      4. Religiously: Through some common interest or positions with false teachers.

III. Be Not Deceived About Sowing And Reaping. (Gal. 6:7).
   A. Many think law of harvest does not apply to them.
      2. In daily living.
      3. In setting priorities.
   B. Many think the full harvest is immediate. (cf. Gal. 6:9).
      1. Will reap token in this life.
         a. Good. (Mk. 10:29,30; Matt. 6:33).
         b. Evil. (1 Cor. 6:10, shame, fear, disease).
      2. Will reap fully in life to come. (Gal. 6:8; Mk. 10:30; Lk. 16:30).

Conclusion:

A. Be Not deceived into thinking plenty of time to get life right.
B. Be Not deceived into thinking world offer the really good life.
C. Be Not deceived into thinking you do not need to H. B. R. C. B.