

“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).
 - 2. With obeying gospel? (cf. Acts 10:1-4).
- 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.
 - 3. Socially: Through work, school, recreation.
 - 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.
 - 1. In child rearing. (Prov. 22:6; 29:15 - note nature of proverbs Prov. 10:27).
 - 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.