

## ***“The Greatest Danger in this Present Day is Deception”***

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### **1. Revelation 12:9 (KJV)**

**9** And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

### **2. I John 4:1 (KJV)**

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

### **3. II Corinthians 11:3 (KJV)**

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

### **4. Matthew 24:4 (KJV)**

**4** And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

### **5. II Corinthians 11:13-15 (KJV)**

**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.

## **6. Ephesians 5:6 (KJV)**

**6** Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

### WHAT WILL BE THE LEADING INSTRUMENTS THAT WILL LEAD GOD'S PEOPLE INTO DECEPTION?

- \*\*\* The False Beast System
- \*\*\* Wolves in sheep's clothing
- \*\*\* Shepherds who are greedy of gain
- \*\*\* Shepherds of Antichrist
- \*\*\* Watchmen who are blind
- \*\*\* Believers who are lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God
- \*\*\* The Spirit of Jezebel
- \*\*\* The Doctrine of Balaam
- \*\*\* The Counterfeit Jesus Gospel
- \*\*\* False Prophets and False Teachers
- \*\*\* False & Fake Prophetic and Miracle Ministries
- \*\*\* The Fake Israel Nation regathering message
- \*\*\* The erroneous message that natural Israel is God's chosen people
- \*\*\* Pagan worship and church idolatry
- \*\*\* Endorsing political figures & governments that are in opposition to the Kingdom of God
- \*\*\* The synagogue of satan & fake Jews
- \*\*\* The Laodicean mindset & attitude

### IS YOUR HEART SETTING YOU UP TO RECEIVE THE MARK OF THE BEAST?

1. If your heart is consumed with money, stuff, and material things, you are a definitely a candidate for the mark of the beast.

***Matthew 6:21 (KJV)***

**21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

2. If your heart really doesn't trust God entirely, and you don't seek Him for guidance in everything you do, you are definitely a candidate for the mark of the beast.

***Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)***

**5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.**

**6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.**

3. If you believe and accept in your heart anything & everything that you are told without seeking God for yourself and doing your own research, you are definitely a candidate for the mark of the beast.

***Proverbs 4:23 (KJV)***

**23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.**

4. If you don't passionately desire to have a pure heart, you are definitely a candidate to receive the mark of the beast.

***Psalms 51:10 (KJV)***

**10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.**

5. If you value your flesh and your heart more than you value God and His ways, you are definitely a candidate to receive the mark of the beast.

***Psalms 73:26 (KJV)***

**26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.**

6. If you don't have a daily prayer life that seeks God in everything that you do, you are definitely a candidate to receive the mark of the beast.

***Philippians 4:6-7 (KJV)***

**6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

**7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

7. If the desires of your heart haven't been placed there by God Himself, but rather by your own self, you are definitely a candidate for the mark of the beast.

***Psalms 37:1-4 (KJV)***

**1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.**

**2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.**

**3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.**

**4 Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.**

**SUGGESTIONS FOR UTILIZING RESEARCH**

**VEHICLES & GATHERING INFORMATION**

- \*\*\* Don't accept that everything you read or see on a website or on social media is reported accurately; keep researching and gathering truth.
- \*\*\* Try to examine the agenda and foundation of the information that is being presented. Always remember that those who are presenting information have beliefs that drive their true purpose.
- \*\*\* When reading books, commentaries, and other written material apply the first two rules to the information, and never accept the information without seeking God.
- \*\*\* Don't accept information that is presented, preached, proclaimed or even prophesied as it relates to the last days or any other message to be the only way it can be looked at. Remember seeking God for yourself should be a mandatory priority in your life.
- \*\*\* Be more committed to the truth of God's Word than to the personality presenting it. Trusting more in a man or woman than God and His

Word will cause you to filter everything you hear through what that man or woman has previously said or is now saying.

\*\*\* Don't always look for information, preachers, teachers, or pastors to say or agree with what you already believe or accept. If the truth you believe is too fragile to be examined or looked at — IS IT REALLY THE TRUTH?

\*\*\* Find someone you trust and who loves the truth of God's Word to discuss and to look at things you are learning. Be open to listening as well as speaking, and always remember that no one knows all there is to know about everything.