

1. Don't trust your eyes

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Subtitle: Don't believe your ears

Let's begin by reading three passages of Scripture.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV) *For we walk by faith, **not by sight.***

Proverbs 3:5 (NKJV) **Trust in the Lord** with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;

Matthew 24:23–26 (NKJV) *“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ **do not believe it.** 24 **For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.** 25 See, I have told you beforehand. 26 “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ **do not believe it.***

- In Matthew 24, Jesus warned several times against being deceived
- He said that “...*false christs & false prophets would rise & show great signs & wonders to deceive, if it were possible, even the very elect*”

1. The growing sophistication of deceptive methods

- We live in an age where deceptive methods have become so sophisticated that most people are kept in a perpetual state of delusion & deception
- Technology is now so advanced, that they can make:
 - the impossible appear possible
 - the unreal appear real
 - the false & the fake appear genuine & authentic
- Hence, God is telling us:
 - Don't trust your eyes
 - Don't believe your ears
- Our opening scriptures tell us that we should:
 - walk by faith & not by sight
 - trust in the Lord and lean not on our own understanding
- It doesn't say: Don't use your sight – it says; Don't walk by sight
- It doesn't say: Don't use your understanding – it says: Don't lean on it
- It says: Walk by faith and trust in the Lord

- (Our spiritual parameters & gauges need to be much more certain & stable than what we see with our natural eyes & what we hear with our physical ears)

2 Timothy 3:13–17 (NKJV) *But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.*

- Imposters – a seducer, wailer or howler, a juggler or enchanter, deceiver
- With advancements in technology, imposters can now put things in front of our eyes that look so real, and sound so convincing, that many unthinking and undiscerning people will be deceived by it

2. Technological advancements in entertainment & media

- Late last year, the 2nd Avatar movie was released
- Like the 1st Avatar movie release of 2009, it was quite a visual feast, with very advanced visual effects (3D)
- Both Sci-Fi movies depicted an alien race living at another planet
- It all looked very real and very convincing
- Yet it all depicted a fantasy race on a fantasy planet, living a fantasy life
- Practically every scene in the movie was computer generated
- Nowadays, using computer animation, anything unreal can be produced to look real

2 Thessalonians 2:9–10 (NKJV) *The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

- The “lawless one” is reference to the antichrist
- He will make his debut according to the working of satan, with:
 - All power, signs and lying wonders
 - With all unrighteous deception
- It is quite conceivable that antichrist’s appearances will be supported by high-tech visual effects, including holograms etc.
- Subliminal messages are targeted at unsuspecting populations

3. AI-generated voice cloning

- Example of Mike Adams
(Eleven Labs Text to Speech and Voice Cloning software)

- Example of Morgan Freeman (Synthetic reality)
- It is now possible to record a video of someone, take a digital sample of their voice & speech, and then produce brand-new video footage of them, including their cloned voice, without their physical involvement
- Today, seeing and hearing someone on TV doesn't automatically mean that what we have seen or heard was genuine - it could be fake

4. We are in the middle of a war:

We are in the middle of a:

- Spiritual war
- Psychological war (Mind control)
- Biological war
- Informational war

Video message by Gabe Lyons: My Letter To Christian Leaders

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqQgDGpBP9M>

5. What about Aliens (and UFOs)

We are hearing more and more about supposed aliens that have come to earth from other planets or solar systems.

These reports are circulated by mainstream media outlets, as quoting certain scientists and other supposedly reputable sources.

These reports are attempts to condition the populous & prepare people for a time when demons will manifest in the physical realm

We are persuaded:

- There are no aliens from other planets
- UFOs are just that: (as yet) Unidentified Flying Objects

6. How to stay safe from delusion and deception

2 Timothy 3:13–17 (NKJV) *But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom*

you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- ... you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of ...
- In other words: Timothy, keep to the orthodoxy of Scripture (core beliefs)
- ... knowing from whom you have learned them ...
- Timothy, stick with the leaders and teachers that have taught you
- ... you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise...
- Again, Timothy stick with the Word of God
- ... All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

1 John 2:18–21 (NKJV) *Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. 21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.*

- True believers have an unction (anointing) from the Holy Spirit that helps us to discern between:
 - Good and evil
 - Truth and lie
 - Right and wrong

Summary:

1. Stay in the Word of God, and stay with the Word of God
2. Stay close to God so your discernment (anointing from the Holy One) is working properly
3. Stay in fellowship with other believers (do not separate yourself)
4. Stay with godly and discerning leaders
5. (Disconnect from the world's Media & Entertainment sources)