

The Deceitfulness Of Sin

I. Introduction:

- A. The Lord warns us about self-deception (**Galatians 6:3-4; 7-8**).
 - 1. We know how to justify sin if we want to (**Proverbs 16:2**).
 - 2. We can even falsely cleanse ourselves (**Jeremiah 2:22-29**).
- B. If you find yourself in error, don't be dishonest about it (**I John 1:8-10**).
 - 1. You cannot practice cover-ups and be right (**Proverbs 28:13**).
 - 2. When sin is not properly confessed and repented of, it festers, grows and enslaves you (**Romans 6:16; 7:18-23**).

II. Body: **Hebrews 3:13-14**

- A. How honest are you when you examine yourself (**Proverbs 30:12-13**)?
 - 1. Do you ignore things you do (**Proverbs 30:20**)?
 - 2. Do you really test yourself (**II Corinthians 13:5**)?
 - a. Examining if your choices are spiritual or carnal by seeing what your choices produce (**James 3:13-18**).
 - b. Looking at your WHOLE life (**Luke 16:1-15**).
- B. Sin deceives from the heart (**Isaiah 44:18-20**).
 - 1. What does God say about trusting in your own heart (**Proverbs 28:26**)?
 - 2. Don't listen to the imaginations of the heart (**Deuteronomy 29:18-20**).
- C. Deception through the pride of thine heart (**Obadiah 1:1-8**).
 - 1. Again, self-deception comes into play by finding ways to convince one's self that all is good (**Hosea 12:1-14**).
 - 2. With pride often comes the idea of greatness, especially by demeaning others to exalt themselves. Think about these Scriptures: **Psalms 36:1-4, Isaiah 5:20-21, Luke 18:9-14, and II Corinthians 10:12**
- D. Upon conversion, we as Christians should have put off the old man that was corrupt according to deceitful lusts (**Ephesians 4:17-5:11**).
 - 1. Remember, in the world, you were deceived by sin (**Titus 3:3**).
 - 2. Now, we should have awoken (**I Corinthians 15:33-34**).

III. Conclusion: Be not deceived, the unrighteous will not be saved (**I Corinthians 6:9-10**).