

## Don't Be Deceived

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2 Thessalonians 2:1-8

These days, in my part of the world, we hear a lot about "fake news." Popular social media outlets and other sources are now working harder to filter out news that isn't true so that there is no deception. It is often harder to know what is real than to fall into a trap of deception.

How much more should we be cautious about who we listen to concerning spiritual things? The young church in Thessalonica was concerned about false prophets and the confusion surrounding the timeline for Christ's return. With few resources to look to for greater understanding, it would have been easy for them to be misguided and misled. Today we have no shortage of resources both in God's word and in the centuries of solid Christian scholarship. And yet, it seems many are easily led astray with whatever teaching might sound appealing or popular.

We, too, need to practice discernment and measure all the "truths" and "news" against God's word and the discernment His Spirit provides us.

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