

Discern

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distinguish the difference between Truth and lies;
recognize God at work; perceive, see clearly, confirm

Deceptive Imposters

They are not true apostles but deceitful ministers who masquerade as “special apostles” of the Anointed One. That doesn’t surprise us, for even Satan transforms himself to appear as an angel of light! (2 Corinthians 22:13-14 TPT)

Careful Curiosity (Acts 17:10-14)

Jesus’ Holy Spirit invites us to discern the Truth of Jesus Christ amidst the lies and deceptions of the devil. The Bereans are legendary for their careful curiosity. They treasured God’s Truth, and their hearts were open to his Spirit. They were fully aware of false teaching, false prophets, and spiritual warfare; so, they stayed alert and on guard while listening to leaders who claimed to represent God. They tested teaching with multiple filters including prayer, searching the Scriptures, and community discussions. After they perceived a teaching was True, they wholeheartedly believed and embraced God’s message. We need the Spirit to discern between Satan’s lies and Jesus’ Truth.

Discipleship & Prayer

- How can lies so easily, at first, appear to be true?
- What is one example of a lie I believed to be true?
- Holy Spirit, protect me from lies; guide me in Truth.