

## Deceit

Deceit is falsehood (Psalm 119:118). It comes from the heart (Jeremiah 17:9; Mark 7:22; Romans 3:13). God abhors it (Psalm 5:6) and forbids it (Job 27:4; Job 31:5; Proverbs 24:28; 1 Peter 3:10). All saints are free from it (Psalm 24:4; Isaiah 53:9; Zeph. 3:13; 1 Peter 2:22; Rev. 14:5). It is to be shunned (Psalm 43:1; Psalm 72:14; Psalm 101:7; Psalm 120:2; Ephes. 5:6; Col. 2:8) and laid aside (2 Cor. 4:2; 1 Thes. 2:3; 1 Peter 2:1). Scripture refers to the wicked and deceit (Psalm 10:7; Psalm 35:20; Psalm 36:3; Psalm 38:12; Proverbs 11:18; Proverbs 12:5; Proverbs 20:17; Jeremiah 9:5; Jeremiah 37:9; 2 Tim. 3:13); false teachers and deceit (Job 15:35; Proverbs 12:17; Jeremiah 14:14; Jeremiah 23:26; Romans 16:18; 2 Cor. 11:13; Ephes. 4:14; 2 Thes. 2; 2 Peter 2:13; 2 John 1:7); and evils of deceit (Psalm 10:7; Psalm 24:4-5; Psalm 32:2; Psalm 55:23; Proverbs 14:8,25; Proverbs 26:24; Proverbs 27:6; Jeremiah 8:5; Jeremiah 9:6). God demands absolute truth in the inward parts and absolute justice and honesty in all dealings between fellowmen. It is in the hidden parts that God wants righteousness and not outwardly only (Psalm 51:6). To this end His program in the gospel is that the inward man be renewed and perfected more and more, day by day (2 Cor. 4:16). This is the acid test of character (Psalm 15).

### Ten Facts about Deceit:

1. It is falsehood (Psalm 119:118).
2. It comes from the heart (Mark 7:22).
3. It is characteristic of the heart (Jeremiah 17:9).
4. God abhors it (Psalm 5:6).
5. It is forbidden (Proverbs 24:28; 1 Peter 3:10).
6. Christ is free from it (1 Peter 2:22).
7. We are warned to beware of those who teach and practice it (Ephes. 5:6; Col. 2:8).
8. It must be laid aside (2 Cor. 4:2; 1 Peter 2:1).
9. False teachers are workers of it (2 Cor. 11:13; Jeremiah 14:14; Jeremiah 23:26).
10. False witnesses use it (Proverbs 12:17).

### Ten Facts—the Wicked and Deceit:

1. The wicked are full of it (Romans 1:29).
2. Devise it (Job 15:35; Psalm 35:20; Psalm 38:12).
3. Utter it (Psalm 10:7; Psalm 36:3).
4. Work at it (Proverbs 11:18).
5. Increase in it (2 Tim. 3:13).
6. Use it on each other (Jeremiah 9:5).
7. Use it on themselves (Jeremiah 37:9).
8. Delight in it (Proverbs 20:17).
9. Impose on others by it (Romans 16:18).
10. Sport themselves with it (2 Peter 2:13).

### Ten Evils of Deceit:

1. Deceit hinders knowledge of God (Jeremiah 9:6).
2. Deceit keeps men from God (Jeremiah 8:5).
3. Deceit leads to pride and sin (Jeremiah 5:27-28).
4. Deceit leads to lying (Proverbs 14:25).

5. Deceit causes fraud and injustice (Psalm 10:7; Psalm 43:1).
6. Deceit conceals hate (Proverbs 26:24-26).
7. Deceit conceives evil plans (Psalm 50:19).
8. Deceit encourages sin (Proverbs 20:17).
9. Deceit defiles the soul (Mark 7:22).
10. Deceit causes hardening in sin (Hebrews 3:13).

Ten Examples of Deceit:

1. Satan (Genesis 3:4; 2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 2:14)
2. Abraham (Genesis 12:13; Genesis 20:2)
3. Isaac (Genesis 26:7)
4. Jacob and Rebekah (Genesis 27:6-23)
5. Gibeonites (Joshua 9:3-15)
6. Delilah (Judges 16:4-20)
7. Absalom (2 Samuel 13:24-28; 2 Samuel 15:7)
8. Gehazi (2 Kings 5:20)
9. Herod (Matthew 2:8)
10. Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-13)