

How to Overcome Self-Deception

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Scriptures:

- John 14:6
- Psalm 119:105, *NLT*
- John 16:13
- James 4:10, *NLT*
- 1 John 1:9

Summary:

Deceiving ourselves trips us up on our spiritual walk. When we deceive ourselves, we're blind to the assumptions we make and think we're right when we're actually wrong. Much of this is delivered through the pulpit; wrong doctrine deceives us so that we don't see the truth of God's love and grace. Our success in life hinges on knowing our true identity as His righteous children. God wants to show us that we're His reflection; understanding this prevents us from being deceived. Letting the Holy Spirit guide us in how to live keeps us humble and protects us from pride, which is closely intertwined with self-deception. Sharing God's perspective through Jesus Christ gives us the spiritual vision we need.

Notes:

1. Self-deception blinds us spiritually; we can't discern the difference between truth and lies.
2. Deception results when what we think is false is true, and vice-versa. We must stop believing a lie while rejecting the truth God offers us.
3. Truth is tied to God's nature; Jesus is truth in human form.
4. Ways to get out of self-deception include seeking God's truth daily, inviting the Holy Spirit's guidance, practicing humility and teachability, and confessing and surrendering.

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