

Doctrine of Deceit

1. A deceptive person is an individual who deliberately misleads others.
2. The deceptive person carefully considers what is being done and is driven by their “belly” or emotions. In the end, only vanity or emptiness will be produced.
 - *Job 15:35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.*
3. Job made a vow not to utter deceitful words.
 - *Job 27:4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.*
4. Job wanted to be evaluated in the sight of God in order to vindicate his integrity.
 - *Job 31:5 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hasted to deceit; 6 Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.*
5. The mouth of a deceitful man is full of cursings, lies and fraud.
 - *Psalms 10:7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.*
6. The deceitful person ceases to be wise and to do good.
 - *Psalms 36:3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.*
7. The deceitful person volitionally gives himself to speaking evil.
 - *Psalms 50:19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.*
8. Once a person engages in deceitful speech and practices it is difficult to stop.
 - *Psalms 55:11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.*
9. When God converts a person He redeems the soul from deceit.
 - *Psalms 72:14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.*
10. The righteous do not want the workers of deceit to dwell within the family structure or fellowship.

- *Psalms 101:7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.*

11. If and when God judges the deceitful person, He does no wrong.

- *Psalms 119:118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.*

12. When a person is deceptive he is prone to give deceptive counsel as well.

- *Proverbs 12:5 The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.*

13. A false witness must of necessity deceive others from knowing the truth.

- *Proverbs 12:17 He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.*

14. When a person is determined to do evil [inflict injurious behavior] on someone, deceit will surface in the heart. Hidden motives drives outward speech and behavior.

- *Proverbs 12:20 Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace is joy.*

15. Foolish people are naturally subject to engaging in deceit in order to obtain their goals.

- *Proverbs 14:8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit.*

16. There is a certain amount of pleasure that comes to a person when deceitful actions are fulfilled but afterwards, if God is merciful, the conscience will be smitten and there will be a bitter taste following the transgression.

- *Proverbs 20:17 Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.*

17. Deceit is but one sin among a sevenfold cluster of sins.

- *Proverbs 26:24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him; 25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.*

18. Often hatred is covered by deceitful words of praise and support. One day the congregation of the righteous shall be shown the truth.

- *Proverbs 26:26 Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation.*

19. Jesus had no deceit in His mouth. He alone of all who have been born was absolutely righteous.
- *Isaiah 53:9 And he [the Messiah] made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.*
20. Not all but some individuals are able to become great and grow rich by words and acts of deceit.
- *Jeremiah 5:27 As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.*
21. There is strength to evil that must not be underestimated. Individuals will hold fast to their deceitful ways.
- *Jeremiah 8:5 Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? They hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.*
22. By suppressing the truth and by willfully embracing the lies of false religions individuals refuse to know the Lord.
- *Jeremiah 9:6 Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the Lord.*
23. The deceitful person will feign friendship and engage in fellowship with someone that shall soon be the object of their wrath and treachery. Many people are surprised to discover how shallow human relationships can be.
- *Jeremiah 9:8 Their tongue is as an arrow shot out; it speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in heart he layeth his wait.*
24. Every generation seems to have religious frauds that deceive people.
- *Jeremiah 14:14 Then the Lord said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.*
 - *Jeremiah 23:26 How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;*

24. God has an elect people that will not try to deceive Him or others.
- *Hosea 11:12 Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.*
25. God charged Ephraim with deceptive acts of trade which serves as a warning to all that the love of money will lead to acts of deception.
- *Hosea 12:7 He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to oppress.*
26. The prophet Amos also denounced the insatiable lust for money by God's people to the point they were anxious for religious duties to end in order to return to their questionable trading.
- *Amos 8:5 Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? And the Sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?*
27. By way of application of the biblical narrative, God will punish individuals in every generation who bring violence and deceit to others.
- *Zephaniah 1:9 In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.*
28. The ultimate source of deception is found in the human heart and not from an external temptation.
- *Mark 7:21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:*
29. The state of the natural man is that he is filled with a variety of evil ways.
- *Romans 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,*
 - *Romans 3:13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:*
30. Christians must beware lest they be spoiled in the Christian faith through deceitful teachings.
- *Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*

Special Note.

Modern day examples of Christians being spoiled through deceitful teachings might include the following.

- ❖ Deceitful teaching. The Mormon theology teaches that men can become a god. They are the godmakers.
- ❖ Deceitful teaching. The Health and Wealth Gospel teaches that God wants every Christian to be healthy and wealthy.
- ❖ Deceitful teaching. The Christian Science religion contends that pain is an illusion.
- ❖ Deceitful teaching. The Church of Christ advocates that individuals must be baptized in order to be saved. The doctrine of baptismal regeneration is foundational to their understanding of salvation.

31. The apostle Paul was careful that people believed his motive was as pure as his message.

- *1 Thessalonians 2:3 For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:*