

1 Corinthians 3:18-23 (NASB)

¹⁸ Let no man **deceive** himself. If any man among you thinks that he is wise in this age, he must become foolish, so that he may become wise.¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is written, "*He is* THE ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS";²⁰ and again, "THE LORD KNOWS THE REASONINGS of the wise, THAT THEY ARE USELESS."²¹ So then let no one boast in men. For all things belong to you,²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you,²³ and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 (NASB)

¹ Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.² In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.³ But to me it is a very small thing that I may be examined by you, or by *any* human court ; in fact, I do not even examine myself.⁴ For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord.⁵ Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

1 Corinthians 3:18 ~ ¹⁸ **Let no man deceive himself**

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 ~ ⁹Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? **Do not be deceived**; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate (womanish or woman like; to be unman), nor homosexuals,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.¹¹ Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 15:33 ~ ³³ **Do not be deceived**: "Bad company corrupts good morals."³⁴ Become sober-minded as you ought, and stop sinning; for some have no knowledge of God. I speak *this* to your shame.

How do one deceive himself?

- **By saying he has no sin** (1 John 1:8) ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- **By giving into temptation** (James 1:14-16) ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.¹⁵ Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.
- **By not being an effectual doer of the word** (James 1:22) ²²But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.
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- **By not controlling his tongue** (James 1:26) ²⁶If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his *own* heart, this man's religion is worthless.
- **By empty words** (Ephesians 5:6) ⁶ Let no one deceive **you** with empty words, for because of **these things** the wrath of **God** comes upon the sons of disobedience.
- **By thinking more highly of himself**(Galatians 6:3) ³ For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.
- **By what he does** (Galatians 6:7) ⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.
- **He boasts about himself** (Jeremiah 9:23-24) ²³ Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches;²⁴ but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD.

What does one look like who is deceived?

- **He is led astray and cannot deliver himself** (Isaiah 44:20) a deceived heart has turned him aside. And he cannot deliver himself, nor say, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?"

Because bad company corrupts good morals, what can be done and what should we do.

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- Be serious, humble, intentional,
- Do not treat the things of God with little value
- Do not keep company with wicked
- Converse with good
- Eat, drink, associate with the house of God.