

God's Unchanging Principles and Imperatives

*"As long as the earth remains, **there will be** seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night." Genesis 8:22 (NLT)*

I. Introduction

II. The Six Non-Negotiables That God Warns Us to Not Be Deceived Concerning

1. God has non-negotiable _____ that neither time nor popular opinion changes

*"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 homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God."

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NKJV)

*"A woman must not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor should a man put on a woman's garment, for **all who do so are an abomination to the LORD your God.**" Deuteronomy 22:5*

2. When given God's opportunity, never mislead others concerning their spiritual _____

*"**Let no one deceive you with empty words**, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who live disobediently." Ephesians 5:6*

*"When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely die,' **and you do not warn him or speak out** to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man and he chooses to not turn from his wicked ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have saved yourself." Ezekiel 3:18-19*

3. The _____ can be one of the strongest, most deadly and difficult to detect about yourself

*"Delilah tricked him and said, 'The Philistines are upon you, Samson!' And he awoke from his sleep and said, 'I will go out as at other times and shake myself free.'" **But he did not realize that the Lord had left him.**" Judges 16:20*

*"Again, **when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and does evil, and I put a stumbling block before him, he will die.** Since you did not warn him, he will die for his sin...But if you do warn the righteous man not to sin and he does not sin, he will surely live because he took warning, and you will have saved yourself." Ezekiel 3:20-21*

How does deception typically overcome a person (believer or non-believer)?

- Spiritual arrogance
- Operating from a place of emotion rather than God's truth
- Failing to give over to God perceived church hurts or wounds
- Falsely believing that faith in God is all that matters (vs. obedience)
- Falsely believing that salvation can never be lost
- Ignoring or choosing to "re-write" unpleasant portions of Scripture

4. Who you choose to spend your free time with is critical to your _____

*"Do not be deceived: **"Bad companionship corrupts good character."** 1 Corinthians 15:33*

*"Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, for **you may learn his ways and get your own soul ensnared."** Proverbs 22:24-25*

"If you let non-Christians shape your thinking, you will conform to the ways of the world instead of the way of God."

*"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.** Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2*

5. Who you sit under can have a profound impact on your _____

*"See to it that no one takes you captive **through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men,** according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ." Colossians 2:8 (NASB)*

*"Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to contend for the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to His holy people. **I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives.** The certain judgment on and of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ." Jude 1:3-4*

Some potential modern examples:

- Preachers who cowardly refuse to Biblically call out sin, evil, and moral corruption
- Believers choosing to settle for non-challenging, saccharine, shallow preaching
- Falsely equating mere motivational speaking with sound preaching and teaching
- Falsely concluding that how a Christian lives is not all that important—just “believe”
- Falsely concluding that any type of rebuke or correction is “judging” and unacceptable

*"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, **'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS AND REBELLION WITH HOW YOU LIVE.'** Matthew 7:21-23*

6. The _____ today will serve to be the basis for the harvest of your tomorrows

*"Do not be deceived (misled; led astray), God will not be mocked (to turn one's nose up at in disdain or disregard); for **whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.**" Galatians 6:7 (NKJV)*

*"It's my observation that **those who plow** evil and sow trouble **will also reap** evil and trouble." Job 4:8*

ANSWER KEY:

- 1. standards**
- 2. condition**
- 3. spirit of deception**
- 4. spiritual health**
- 5. theology and world-view**
- 6. seeds that you sow**