

The Serpent's Cunning

- Deception -

James 1:16 – Don't be **de** _____ **d**, my dear brothers and sisters.

James 1:22 – Do not merely listen to the word, and so **dec** _____ yourselves.

James 1:26 – Those who consider themselves religious ... **de** _____ **ve** themselves.

* (16) – *Brothers and sisters* – Christians can be deceived by **oth** _____ **rs**.

* (22 and 26) – *Yourselves* – Christians can deceive **them** _____.

* Deceive: To lead astray, to lead about in error, to **se** _____.

2 Corinthians 11:3 – But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived (“seduced wholly”) by **the serpent's cunning**, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

* David – Psalm 18 – He begins the story vigorously committed to the Lord!

Seduced by the Serpent's Cunning – (Pew Bible) 2 Samuel 11:1 – In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. But David remained in Jerusalem.

* **Hebrews 3:13** – But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be **hardened by sin's deceitfulness**.

* **2 Samuel 12:7** – Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man!”

* **Galatians 6:7** – Do not be **deceived**: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Exposing the Deception Within – Test me!

* **Psalm 139:23-24** – Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

* **Lamentations 3:40** – Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord.

* **2 Corinthians 13:5** – Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test.