

“The range of what we think and do
Is limited by what we fail to notice
And because we fail to notice
That we fail to notice
There is little we can do
To change
Until we notice
How failing to notice
Shapes our thoughts and deeds.”

R.D. Laing

“Let no one deceive you in any way.”

Why is this so urgent here?

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Three Ways We Can Be Deceived

1. By _____ – when we react _____ or _____

“We ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed.”

quickly –

shaken in mind –

alarmed –

2. By _____ – when we place too much confidence in our own _____

“either by a spirit”

spirit –

3. By _____ – when we believe the latest word, but neglect the _____
a spoken word –
or a letter seeming to be from us –

Learning to Resist Deception

- _____.
"Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers ... let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger ... receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." James 1:16-21
- Learn _____.
"Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered." Proverbs 28:26
- Rest on _____.
"I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love Your law." Psalm 119:163
- Live in _____.
"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice." Proverbs 12:15

- Am I aware of my capacity to be deceived?
 - Am I growing in the ability to study the Scriptures?
 - Do I have spiritually mature people in my life?