

Lesson One:
Beware of the House Creepers

July Life in the Word Series:
'Discerning Spiritual Deception'

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Deception is the tool Satan will use
to trap many believers.

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Foundation Scripture:
II Timothy 3:6-13

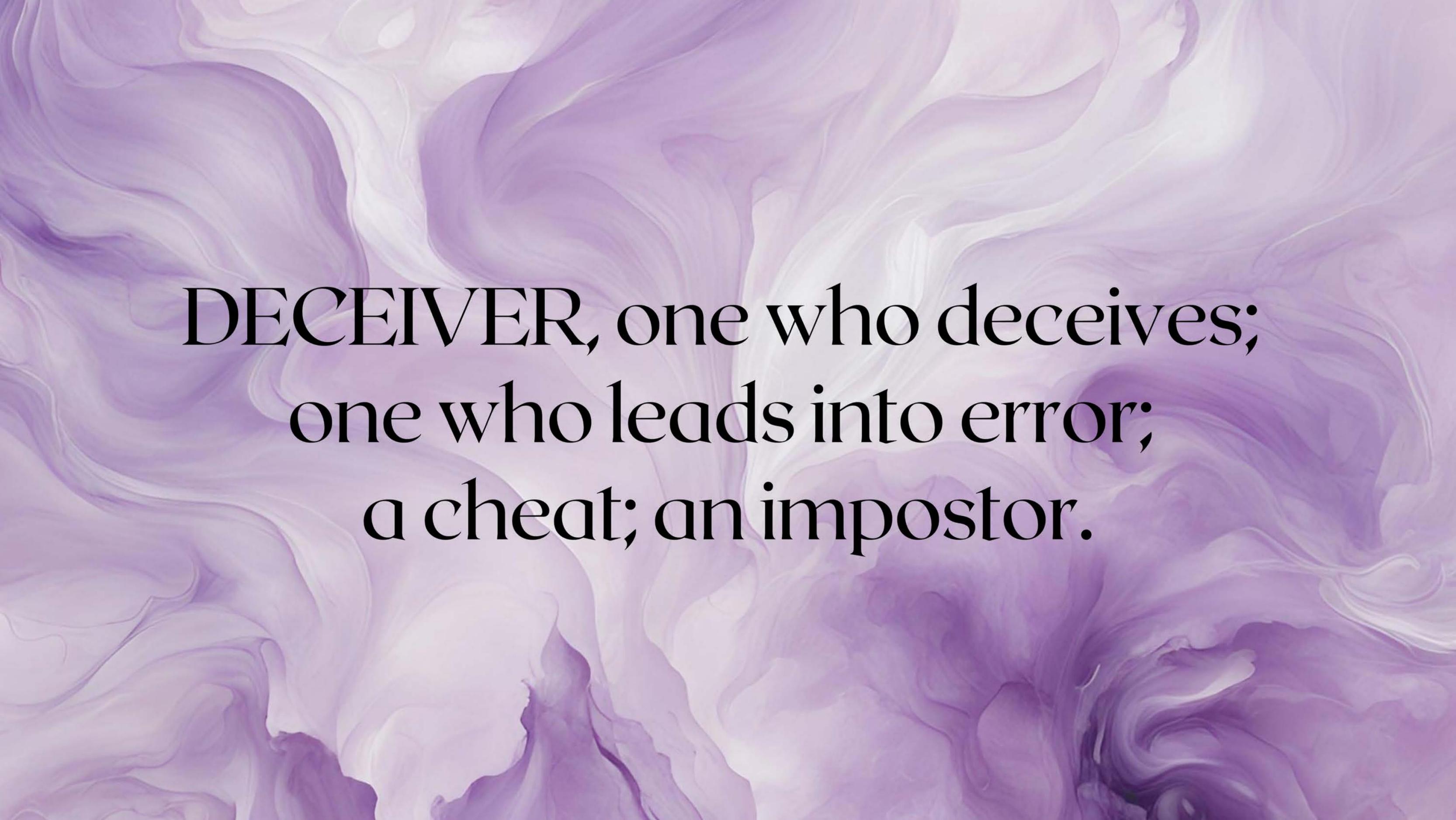
For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

II TIMOTHY 3:6-13

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Deceive means to mislead the mind;
to cause to err; to cause to believe
what is false or disbelieve what is
true; to impose on; to delude.

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DECEIVER, one who deceives;
one who leads into error;
a cheat; an impostor.



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HOUSE CREEPERS

CREEPER - The word translated “creep into,” “insinuate themselves;” “wind their way into,” in the manner of serpents; “deceitfully enter;” “go in, enter in.”

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

GALATIANS 1:8-9

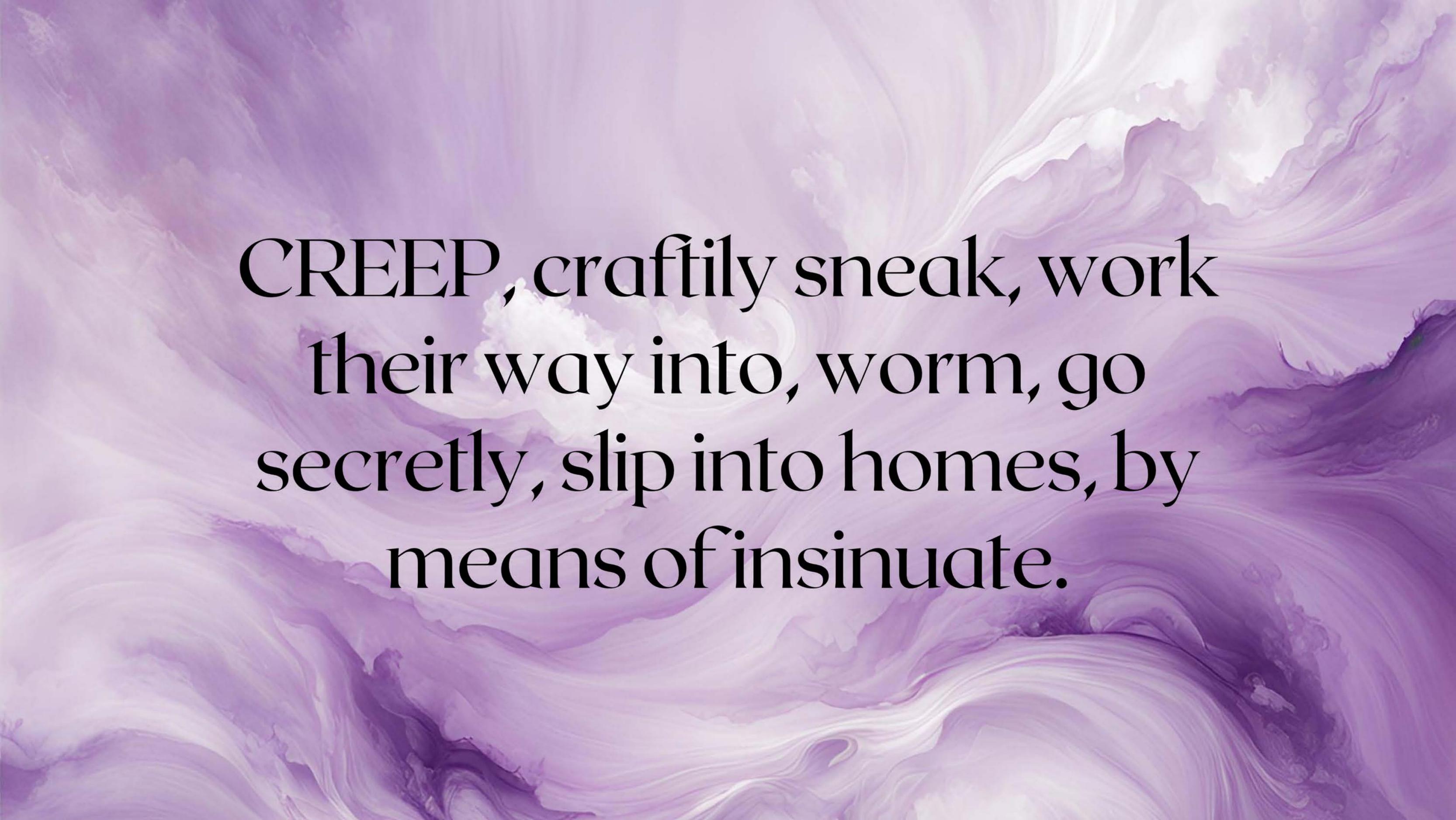
Accursed means doomed to
destruction or misery;
separated from the faithful;
cast out of the church;
excommunicated,
detestable; wicked.

If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

II JOHN 1:10-11

“For of this sort are those who creep
into households...”

II TIMOTHY 3:6

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CREEP, craftily sneak, work
their way into, worm, go
secretly, slip into homes, by
means of insinuate.

For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.”

JUDE 1:4

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II TIMOTHY 3:13

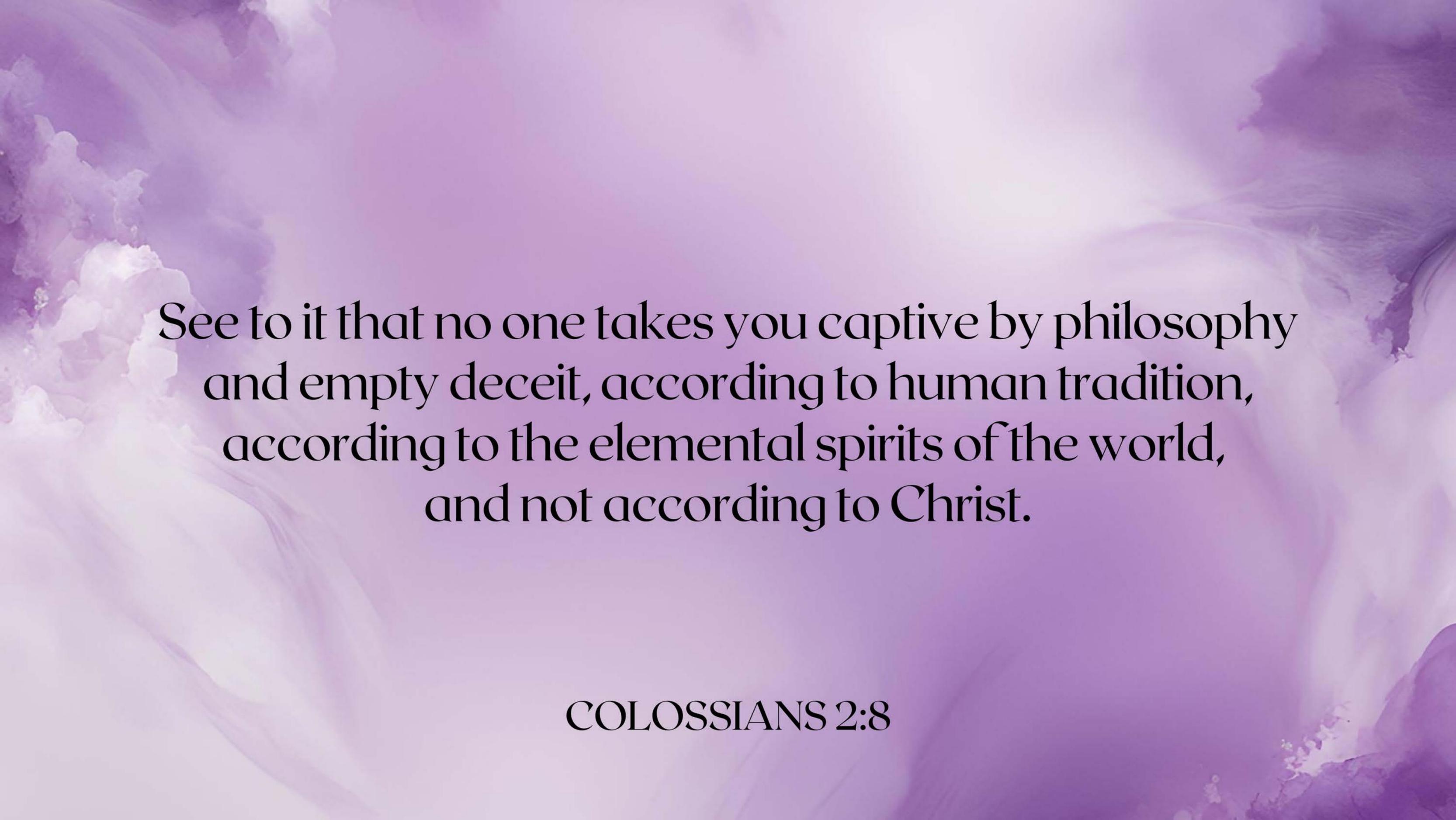
Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

II THESSALONIANS 2:3-4



For false Christ's and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

MATTHEW 24:24

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See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy
and empty deceit, according to human tradition,
according to the elemental spirits of the world,
and not according to Christ.

COLOSSIANS 2:8

DECEPTION is the
manipulation of appearances
such that they convey a false
reality or a false belief system.

DECEPTION may involve a lifestyle,
a teaching, philosophy or doctrine
sounding good and sounding as if it
is logical and practical – but it does
not always mean that the teaching is
Biblical or that it is true
according to God's Word.

“Discernment is not knowing the difference between right and wrong. It is knowing the difference between right and almost right”

-Charles Spurgeon-

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Five Characteristics of Deception

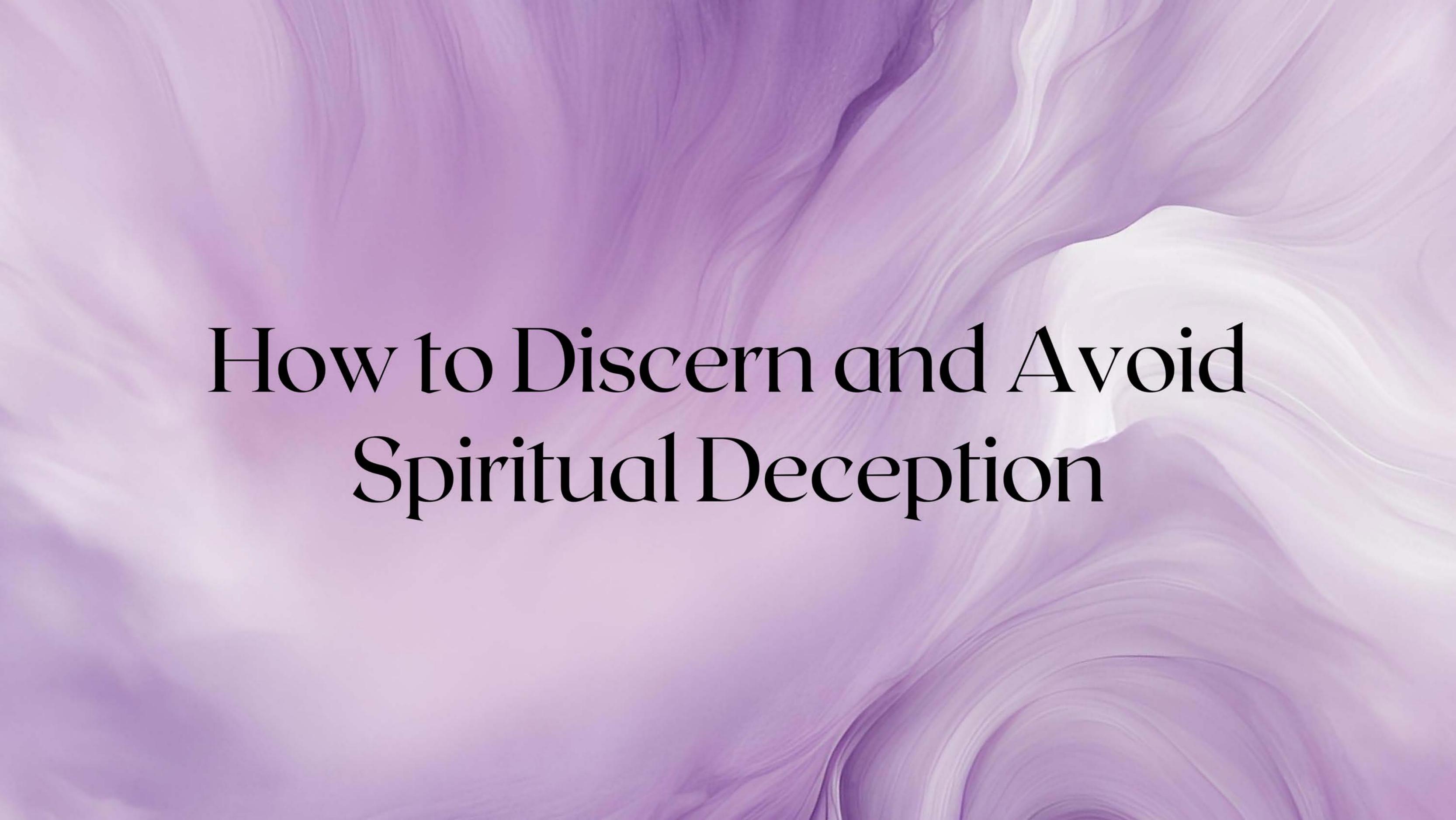
1. Deception is concealing and disguising one's true nature and motives.

2. Deception is hypocrisy or
pretentious behavior.

3. Deception involves information control.

4. Deception involve the deceiver imitating or appearing as a type of savior, hero, or spiritual covering.

5. Deception includes the deceiver imitating the nature and characteristics of the intended victims.

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How to Discern and Avoid Spiritual Deception

1. We must be genuinely born again
and have a relationship
with Jesus Christ.

John 10:27-28

2. We must love the Truth found in
the Word of God.

II Timothy 4:3-4

3. We must love righteousness
and hate evil.

Romans 12:9

4. We must hate the world and the philosophies of this world.

James 4:4

5. *We must walk in the Spirit.*

John 16:13

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6. We Must Imitate the Bereans.

Acts 17:10-11

“Know God’s Word!

It is easier to recognize a counterfeit when you are familiar with the real thing.”