



Overcoming Spiritual  
Blindness  
July Sermon Series



**“The eyes are useless when the  
mind is blind.”**

A dirt road with a deep ditch on the left side, surrounded by dense green trees and foliage. The ditch is filled with dark, wet earth and has a white, chalky substance on its inner wall. The road is muddy and has tire tracks. The sky is overcast with grey clouds.

# Stay Out The Ditch

**Lesson Number Two**

Scripture Lesson:  
Matthew 15:10-14

Matthew 15:10-14, When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, “Hear and understand: Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man. Then His disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”





“Every plant which My heavenly Father  
did not plant shall be uprooted”

A person wearing a dark hoodie and jeans stands with their back to the camera in a subway station. The background is filled with blurred figures of people walking, creating a sense of motion and a busy environment. The lighting is cool and blue-toned.

**"Let them alone."**

**"Do not trouble  
yourselves about  
them."**

**"They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."**



## **‘Blind Leading the Blind’**

**Refers to a situation in which an inexperienced, inept, or ignorant person is instructing, advising, or guiding a person who is equally inexperienced, unknowledgeable, or inept.**



# II Timothy 3:13, Evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.



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his twelve apostles.

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11 He said unto his twelve apostles,  
I am sending you forth  
two by two into every city  
and region, to preach the  
gospel, and to heal the  
sick.

12 And when he had called unto  
them, he gave them power  
and authority over all  
devils, and to heal  
sicknesses.

13 And he said unto them,  
Go ye forth, for I am  
sending you forth as  
lambs in the midst of  
wolves.

14 And he said unto them,  
Whosoever will take  
up his cross, and  
follow me, shall deny  
himself, and take up  
his cross, and follow  
me.

15 Whosoever will save  
his life, shall lose it:  
and whosoever will  
lose his life for my  
sake, shall save it.

16 For that which a man  
shall give up, shall  
he receive again  
with a hundred fold  
increase, and shall  
inherit eternal life.

17 And he said unto them,  
Whoever hath ears to  
hear, let him hear.

18 And he said unto them,  
I am sending you forth  
two by two, and will  
send you forth as  
lambs in the midst of  
wolves.

19 And he said unto them,  
Behold, I am sending  
you forth with the  
power of the Holy  
Ghost, and with  
power to tread upon  
serpents, and scorpions,  
and to overcome all  
the power of the enemy.  
But he will not hurt  
you.

20 And he said unto them,  
I am sending you forth  
two by two, and will  
send you forth as  
lambs in the midst of  
wolves.

A man in a dark suit is seen from behind, standing at a podium with two microphones. He is addressing a large, diverse audience seated in rows. The setting appears to be a formal conference or lecture hall with wood-paneled walls. The lighting is focused on the speaker, with the audience in the foreground and background slightly blurred.

# **I. To Avoid the Ditch, Dodge Deficient Leaders**

Isaiah 56:10-11, His watchmen are blind, They are all ignorant; They are all dumb (mute) dogs, They cannot bark; Sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yes, they are greedy dogs which never have enough. And they are shepherds who cannot understand; They all look to their own way, Everyone for his own gain, from his own territory.



# Four Characteristics of a Deficient Leader:

**1. They are Blind.**

**Isaiah 56:10**

**2. They Lack Knowledge and Understanding.**

**Isaiah 56:11**

**3. They are Mute when Trouble comes.**

**Isaiah 59:10**

**4. They are Lazy, Living only for Themselves.**

**Isaiah 56:11**

A man in a dark suit is seen from behind, standing at a podium with two microphones. He is addressing a large, diverse audience of people in business attire seated in a conference hall. The background is filled with the heads and shoulders of many people, creating a sense of a large-scale event. The lighting is focused on the speaker, with the audience slightly blurred.

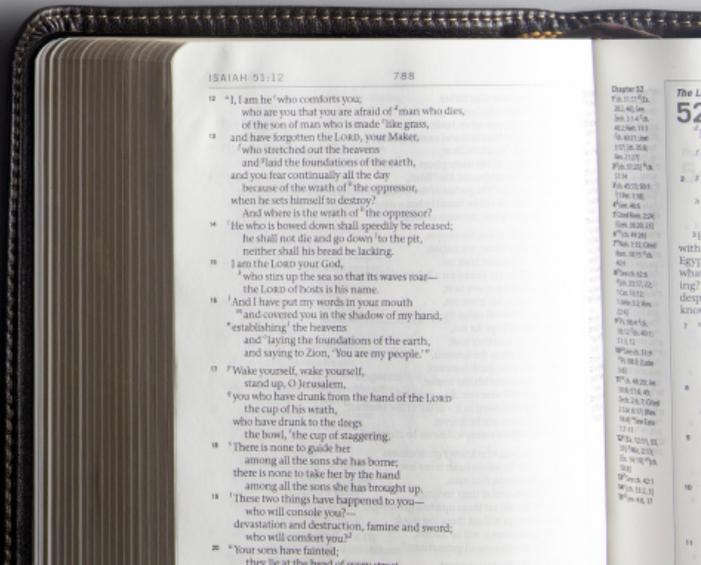
## **II. How Not To Be Misled By Blind Leaders:**



# **1. Listen Carefully**

## **Acts 17:10-11**

“Immediately when night came, the believers sent Paul and Silas to the city of Berea. When Paul and Silas arrived in the city of Berea, they entered the synagogue. The people of Berea were more open-minded than the people of Thessalonica. They were very willing to receive God's message, and every day they carefully examined the Scriptures to see if what Paul said was true. When Paul came to town, they "received the word with all readiness"







**2. Search the Scriptures Daily.**  
**Acts 17:11**

Matthew 22:29, But Jesus answered them, “You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.

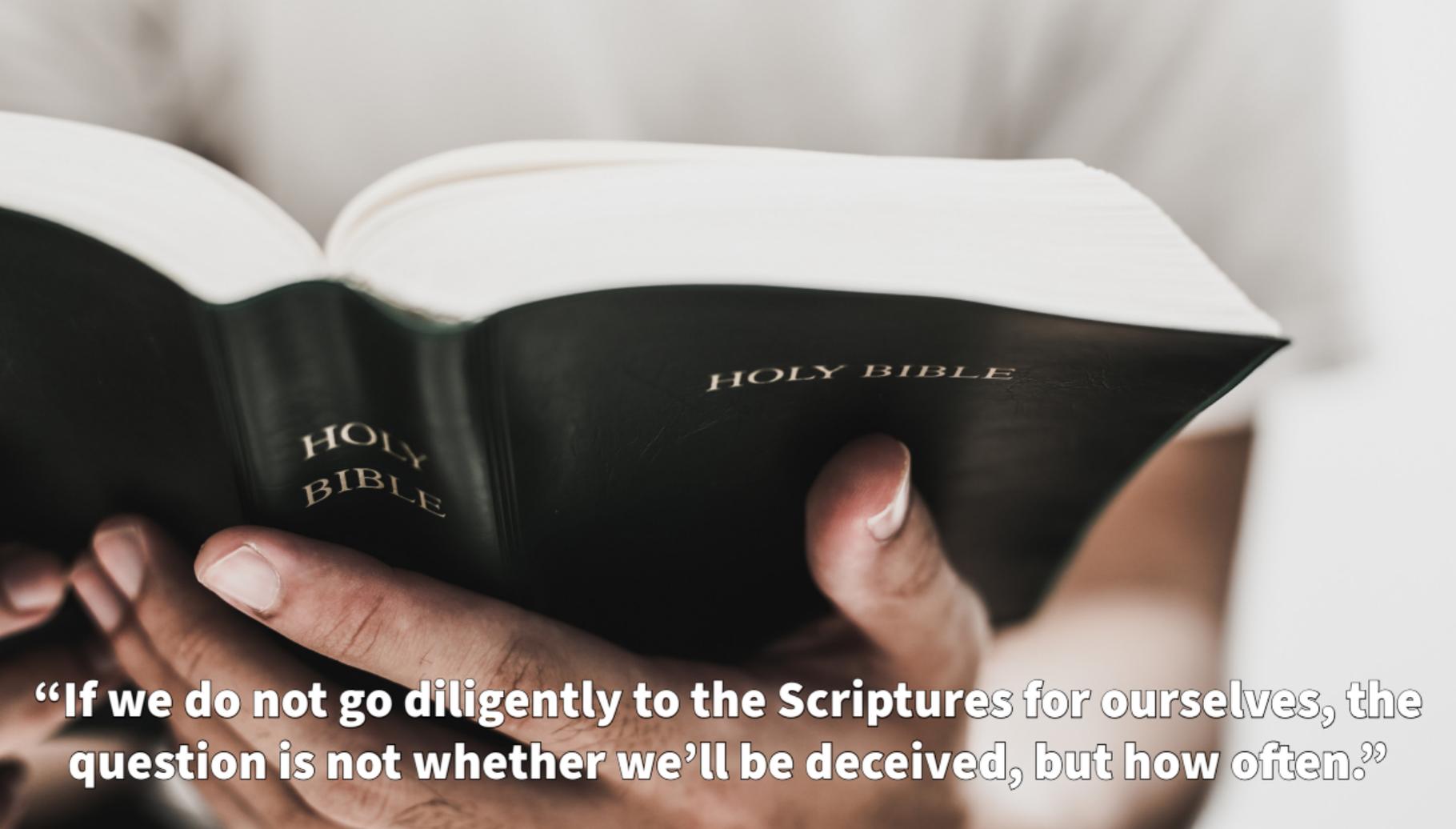


II Timothy 2:15, Study to show yourself approved unto  
God, a workman that needed not be ashamed, rightly  
dividing the word of Truth.



Colossians 2:8, Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.





**“If we do not go diligently to the Scriptures for ourselves, the question is not whether we’ll be deceived, but how often.”**

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### **III. To Avoid the Ditch, Choose Good Leadership**

Matthew 7:16,18-20, You will know them by their fruits. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore, by their fruits you will know them.

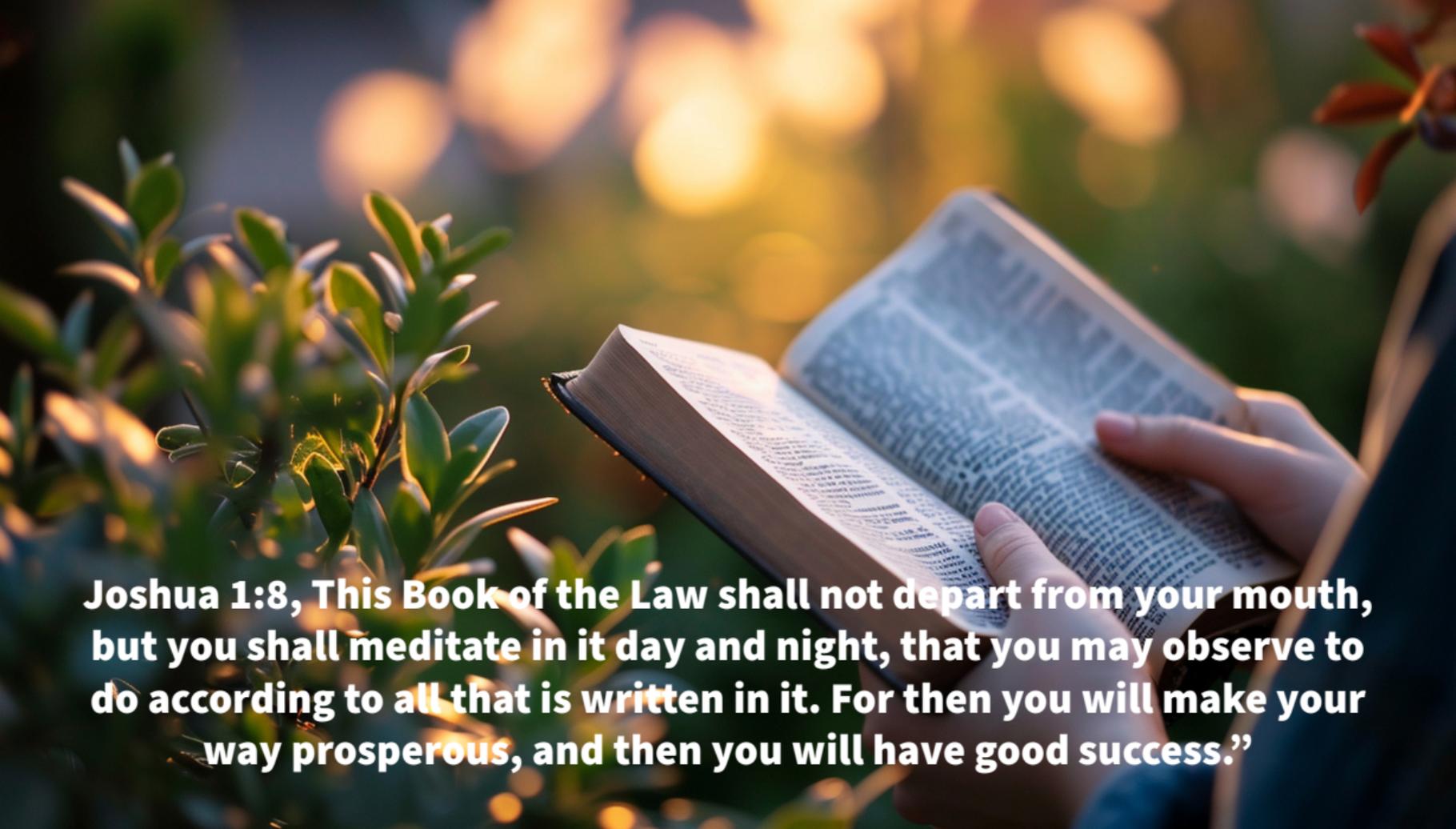




**“A good leader knows the way,  
shows the way, and goes the way.”**



**IV. To Stay Out of the Ditch, Do Not Depart from God's Word.**

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding an open Bible. The scene is set outdoors during the "golden hour" of sunset, with warm, glowing light filtering through green foliage in the background, creating a bokeh effect. The Bible is held open, and the text on the pages is visible, though slightly out of focus. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**Joshua 1:8, This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”**

A person with a backpack stands on a rocky peak, silhouetted against a bright sky. Their arms are raised in a gesture of triumph or achievement. The background features a vast, hazy mountain range under a soft, overcast sky.

## **Success Comes From:**

- 1. Standing on the Promises of God**
- 2. Following Godly Examples**
- 3. Obeying Christ's Commands**
- 4. Forsaking Sin**
- 5. Seeking the Counsel of God**

A photograph of two young Black men walking on a golf course. The man on the left is wearing a white t-shirt and sunglasses, smiling and looking towards the right. The man on the right is wearing a black t-shirt and sunglasses, looking forward. They are both holding golf clubs. The background shows a green golf course with trees under a blue sky with light clouds.

**"And if the blind leads the blind,  
both will fall into a ditch".**

# Psalm One

