

Be Careful

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As you go through life and talk to many people be careful of what you listen to. There are many who are good speakers and can be very persuasive about their beliefs. If we do not study the scriptures and know what the Lord says, we might be deceived by someone. Some will even quote scripture and sound sincere, but they can still be wrong. When such a person quotes Bible and sounds like they know it very well, it can cause the listener to fall for it if they are not careful.

Is knowing about the Bible and having the ability to quote scripture a guarantee that the person is telling you the truth? No! The most persuasive lies are the ones that have a bit of truth in them. Usually if a person hears a little truth that he knows is in the Bible he is tempted to think that all of what he has heard must be true as well. Someone who is not knowledgeable of scripture is sometimes likely to think that someone who is well educated must know what is right. However, this

is not always the case. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

The Lord, in Matthew 24:4, said, "Take heed that no man deceive you." There were, and are, false teachers who teach false doctrines. Some may mean well, but are still wrong, not fully understanding the scriptures. Then there are those who don't really care about the truth they just want to have people follow them. This is what Jesus referred to, when he said, "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Matthew 15:14.

Jesus warned his followers to, "take heed what ye hear." Mark 4:24. Here he gives warning that everything that we may hear will not be the truth. We should seek truth about God's Word, not some man-made story that might sound good, but the gospel truth, as it is, is the only way to life. We like to hear things that make us feel good about ourselves and

about life. Yet, at times the truth will cause us to examine our lives and question our decisions. This is something that we need to do as we go through life, as none of us are without need of correction at times.

In Luke 8:18 Jesus said, "Take heed therefore how ye hear." How we hear is very important, just like knowing what we are hearing. If we feel that no one can teach us anything, because we know so much, we are not going to listen very well. A child for instance, can sometimes present a great truth. I have witnessed small children telling some adult, "You shouldn't talk like that." They were right in what they said, for at times adults don't talk, or act, as believing Christians. I also remember the story from years ago where a small child on a beach told a woman that she needed to have more clothes on.

Yes, we need to be careful not only of our actions, but our words and what we do in our lives each day. Keep in mind that when someone talks about scripture we need to know if what is said is according to the Bible. No matter who it is, if what they say is against what Jesus taught, then reject it. It is up to us to seek and to know the truth. It is your responsibility, because it is your soul that is in question.

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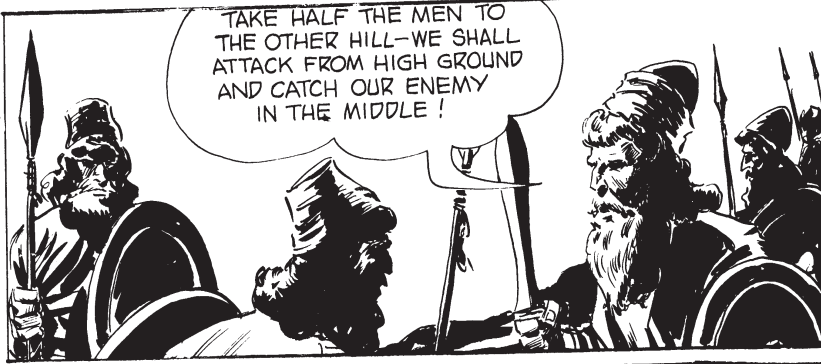
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