



“Me, deceived?”

Jeremiah 17:9–10 (NKJV) ⁹ *“The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? ¹⁰ I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.*

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Trust: *We can only get out of deception if we trust someone else more than we trust our own judgement.*

The Gates of Hell

James 3:13–16 (NKJV) ¹³ ***Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.***

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¹⁵ *This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.*

Test of Deception

1. *Hidden sins and secrets*
2. *Envy & selfish ambition*

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“When a leader operates out of ungodly fear and self-preservation, then it opens the door for demonic inspiration.”

Committing great evil

Matthew 27:16–18 (NKJV) ¹⁶ *And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.* ¹⁷ *Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"*

Committing great evil

¹⁸ *For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.*

Committing great evil

Matthew 27:21–22 (NKJV) ²¹ *The governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They said, "Barabbas!"* ²² *Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!"*

Seven Signs

James 3:17–18 (NKJV) ¹⁷ *But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.* ¹⁸ *Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*

Seven Signs

1. First pure
 2. Peacable
- Live loosely!*

Luke 14:33 (NKJV) ³³ *So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.*

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3. Gentle
4. Willing to Yield
5. Full of Mercy
6. Full of good fruits

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7. Love

If the overwhelming feeling in our hearts isn't love, then the darkness is already overwhelming us.

(See 1 John 2:10-11)



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