

PERVERSION

The terms perverse, perversity and perversion are used to describe one's heart, mouth, thoughts, or actions, although in our culture, we associate this word primarily with aberrant sexual behavior. The meaning of these words are to distort, twist, crook, pervert. Any lie, therefore, is a perversion of the truth, and since the devil is the father of lies (John 8:44) and is the deceiver, he is behind perversions of all kinds.

The devil twists the truth, hoping to deceive with a partial truth that will mislead those who aren't careful to discern or aren't well grounded in the Word of God. Many hold on to traditions that invalidate the Word (Mark 7:13), are controlled by others' convictions (Romans 14:23), and/or are led astray by the devil's counterfeits, such as false prophets, teachers, etc.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

“For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds.”

The intent of the devil is to turn a person away from the Lord, or keep those who don't know Him ignorant of His ways.

Proverbs 11:20

“The perverse in heart are an abomination to the LORD, but the blameless in {their} walk are His delight.”

That's why it's extremely important to know the truth (John 8:31-32), learn to take every thought captive (2 Corinthians 10:3-5), and be a Berean to examine every thing we hear or see each day.

Acts 17:10-11

“And the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea; and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews.

Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, {to see} whether these things were so.”

This is especially important in these last days when sound doctrine will not be tolerated and people will want others to tell them what they want to hear.

2 Timothy 4:3

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but {wanting} to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires;”