

**“Take heed that no one
deceives you”**

Mark 13:5



**Who are the common
deceivers of man?**



I. Satan

- “For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God” *Genesis 3:5*
- “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed” *James 1:14*

II. Deceitful Men

- “Not a word from their mouth can be trusted; their heart is filled with destruction. Their throat is an open grave; with their tongue they speak deceit” *Psalm 5:9*
- “He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe”
Proverbs 28:26

III. Man's own heart

- “The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?” *Jeremiah 17:9*

**How can I know that I am
deceived by my own heart?**



**1. When I make a decision,
then search for the reasons to
justify it.**

- **Example:** the story of Ahab and Micaiah the prophet in 1 Kings 22

2. When I tend to blame God and others for my misery

- Example: King Saul

**3. When my idea about myself
is a mere impression and not
examined by facts**



4. When I tend to postpone in order not to admit that I am not ready to change

- **Example:** Felix the governor
- “As Paul discoursed on righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, **Felix** was afraid and said, “That's enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you.” *Acts 24:25*

5. When I justify my wrong doings as responses to others' wrongs



6. When I use good words to describe sinful acts

- Examples: The white lies, getting even with the store, calling fornication an entertainment, etc.

7. When I use the phrase “I am a sinner” to avoid a rebuke not to admit a fault

