

1st John # 43

“Spiritual Seduction”

1st John 2:23-27

Starting a new job is challenging and humbling but rewarding; it’s a test to say the least but after the initial intimidation, it’s great because you’ve overcome the unknown and become quite comfortable.

The Christian life also contains a series of tests to accelerate our spiritual growth to both glorify God and bless us.

The solution to people testing is impersonal love under the RFHC and the reason God allows evil people to live long when often the good die young relates to the cosmic system. God keeps mean people alive for people testing to accelerate our spiritual growth.

There are two kinds of negative reaction to biblical truth: one is based on preoccupation with self and the other is antagonism toward some form of biblical teaching and there are two different ways these negative reactions are developed: arrogant preoccupation with self leads to the Word of God being rejected and excluded and then antagonism toward its content soon follows because its content attacks people in some area, so they are hypersensitive about some principle.

John is saying when we receive Jesus Christ as Savior, we also accept the truth about God the Father.

If God the Father is rejected then Jesus Christ is rejected because in essence, they are the same.

It’s not just belief in Jesus Christ but belief in the fact that if He is the Son of God, there is a true living God.

Only biblical truth that remains in us can contribute to our spiritual growth.

Biblical truth learned in the past cannot remain in us unless we continue living and functioning inside the plan of God.

This type of persistence includes: self-motivation plus priority of biblical truth which equals a positive attitude toward God and therefore, His Word.

This is a true and wonderful social life with God and so, residence in the plan of God is fellowship and worship of the holy Trinity.

So, to avoid involvement in the cosmic system we must continue in the plan of God from our self-motivation.

And we cannot stay inside the plan of God if our motivation is based on inspiration from someone else.

Believers who are unhappy or dissatisfied inside the plan of God are extremely susceptible to being deceived, led astray or seduced by Satan’s world system.

But seduction is not possible without being willfully involved.

Seduction is not possible unless we have false priorities, so the importance of assigning #1 priority to biblical truth cannot be over-stated.

So beware, flattery is the key to seduction, whether it’s verbal compliments or maximum

attention given apart from respect with hypocrisy or fornication without love
Seduction always implies arrogance in motivation with unfaithfulness to the plan of God.

Seduction implies false perspective and lack of capacity for life, love and happiness, so obviously, daily positive attitude toward biblical truth is a powerful defense against spiritual seduction and rebellion.

When we enter the plan of God, it's the royal priest entering the temple of God; a temple which God has provided for us.

Teaching the Bible only has validity when the pastor is communicating from inside of the plan of God and when his congregation is listening from inside the plan of God.

If you're in the plan of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, concentrating objectivity; your continued motivation is due to your commissioning or the anointing of God the Holy Spirit.

Since we're going to be involved with biblical truth forever and since we've already seen that we should live our lives in light of eternity; any time we get involved in Satan's cosmic system, we're living a lie and if we hang around in there, our life is wasted and disaster awaits us.

God is fair and differences in IQ are covered in the plan of God.

Inside the plan of God, the Holy Spirit as our commissioning agent through the anointing of the royal priesthood, provides the ability for us to learn even the most complicated categories of the Word and that's why God the Holy Spirit is said to be our teacher.

Those who are teachable learn much more rapidly than those who are not.

The most brilliant believer in the royal family can't understand biblical truth apart from living and functioning inside the plan of God under the ministry of the Holy Spirit.