I. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

A. Let No One Deceive you by any means
   1. Let Deceive - ἐξαπατάω
      a) To lead out of the right way
      b) To cause someone to have misleading or erroneous views concerning the truth
   2. Deceive - Webster - To mislead, cause to believe or accept as true what is false or to disbelieve what is true
   3. Matt 24:4-5 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

B. How does deception happen? - The Great Apostasy
   1. Falling away - ἀπόστασις - (apostasy, rejection) - Defection from the truth, abandonment, rebellion, defiance of authority, act in opposition to its demands

C. When we defect from or abandon the truth of God’s Word We get shaken in mind and troubled
   1. Shaken - σαλεῦω - Waver or shake back and forth; to become emotionally unsettled and distraught— to be deeply distressed, to be upset
   2. Mind - νόος - Understanding, reasoning, deciding; way of thinking, attitude
   3. Troubled - θρόῃω - Be in a state of fear, alarmed or frightened

D. If we abandon the truth of God’s Word we will be deceived
   1. 1 Tim 4:1 4 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
      a) Depart - ἀφιστῆμι - To abandon a former relationship or association, disassociate, remove, forsake
      b) Giving Heed - προσέχω - Turn one’s attention to, occupy oneself with, devote or give yourself to
      c) Deceiving - πλανῶς - Deliberate deceptiveness, impostor, lead astray
      d) Doctrines - didaskalia - Instruction, teaching, information that is taught

E. Don’t be deceived by the teachings of society and culture:
   1. 1 Cor 6:9-10 - Do not be deceived
   2. 1 Cor 15:33-34 - Do not be deceived
   3. Gal 6:7-10 - Do not be deceived
   4. James 1:16-17 - Do not be deceived
II. 2 Tim 3:1-17

A. **Perilous** - *chalēpōs* - Hard to bear, painful, difficult, violent, distressful, sufferings that reduce strength

B. **Lovers of themselves** - *philautōs* - Self-centered affections for one's own advantages to the exclusion of others.

C. **Lovers of pleasure** - *philēdōnōs* - Given to fulfilling one's own desires

D. **Form** - *mōrphōsis* - Appearance, embodiment, essential features

E. **Godliness** - *ĕusēbēia* - Religion, devout practice and beliefs of God

F. **Denying** - *arnēōmai* - To disregard, refuse to recognize or acknowledge, pay not attention to

G. **Power** - *dunamis* - Might, able; Demonstration or display of divine supernatural ability

H. **Learning** - *manthanō* - Acquire information, gain knowledge or skills

1. **1 Cor 3:19** 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

I. **Persecution** - *diōkō* - To systematically organize a program to oppress and harass people—to persecute

J. **Impostors** - *gōēs* - One who habitually fools or deceives people through pretense; deceiver who works by trickery or persuasive speech

K. **Deceiving** - *planaō* - To cause to wander from a proper belief or course of action

L. **Wise** - *sŏphizō* - Good judgment; Skilled expert, to have wisdom and understanding

M. **Salvation** - *sōtēria* - Safety, deliverance, rescued, health, welfare, preservation