



## No Growth - Deception

**And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.**

*Matthew 24:4*

**Devil** ----- Proverbs 16:29

**Eyes** ----- Matthew 6:23

**Conversation** - Psalm 12:2

**Ears** ----- Colossians 2:4

**People** ----- Jeremiah 9:5

**Talk** ----- Romans 16:18

**Images** ----- Isaiah 5:20

**Opportunity** -- Proverbs 26:19

**Nature** ----- 2 Timothy 3:13

In the picture on the right, there is a red fruit. Is it an **apple**? Or a **pomegranate**?



Why is deception such a dangerous idea? The reason is misleading people damages all kinds of relationships. Deception could range from moderate to severe. The Son of God warns all believers of this act.

The enemy used this very act at the beginning of time. The result from that situation affected the lives of everyone until now. There are some methods that people, in general, should be mindful of when it involves deception.

The eyes. The view initially begins to create that forbidden thought from the deceiver. The more time we allow our eyes to become engaged at what grasp our attention, the more likely we will compromise. A conversation. Whether it be one or more people involved, the fact that we are there, hear the gossip about someone else, and agree or take part, we are guilty as them.

The ears. Eavesdropping on someone or some people conversing, and well aware of what is going on and do nothing. We are guilty.

Human nature was born in sin. Therefore, the flesh tends to react to a situation that we may encounter. However, we know the consequences of such activity and should be determined not to entertain. Gabbing with others and leaving comments based on the assumption, we are setting ourselves up for failure and the victim. Situations like this are not easy to resist, and we should always put ourselves in the shoes of the one intended. We should remember deception steers us in the wrong direction.

**Prayer: Dear God, help me not to get involve with deception. Thank you, God.**