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DECEPTION

As you know if you have read our newsletters for very long, we teach on social media platforms, including Facebook and YouTube. There are millions of subscribers to these platforms, and we have had the opportunity to teach and equip many of them.

Recently a person that follows our Facebook ministry made a comment on another person's page. The person that wrote the message said that it came from God. This same woman had asked me to be a friend on Facebook, and there were several people that were friends of mine that also were her friends, so I accepted her friendship without really checking her out.

I know it was the Lord that had me read what she said was "from God," and it proved to be a dangerous false teaching. It did not line up with scripture, and actually contradicted scripture in several parts of this so called "message" from God.

I let some of her "mutual friends" know that she was teaching strange fire. I know nothing about this woman other than she is deceived to think she heard this message from God.

I John 4:1 it says, ***"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try (prove) the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."*** The only way that you will know the counterfeit is if you know the genuine. There will always be a check in your spirit if something is false. It is like a warning flag goes off in front of you telling you to stop and check it out when something isn't from God.

I am not saying that I know more than others, but what I do know comes from reading and studying the word of God. If I hadn't read and studied the bible, I would have thought that her teaching was ok. Fortunately, I was able to warn some others to stay away from her teachings.

What about you? Are you looking for a "word" like this friend was in receiving this woman's false message, or are you looking to "the word" (the bible) which means you must read and study it? The days we are in are going to be full of deception. It tells us in Mark 13:22, ***"For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible even the elect."*** The word seduce means to lead astray. It is obvious that there are many using whatever platform they can to lead people astray.

Watch and pray that you aren't deceived by wrong teachings. If something doesn't line up with scripture, then throw it out. Walk away from it, even if it is coming from the pulpit in your church.