"And Jesus answered and said unto them, <u>Take heed</u> that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." Matthew 24:4-5 KJV

Jesus warned against deceiving men. I see it even in the Assembly. Some deem themselves wise enough to dictate God's will to others, and while certain things are plainly written, there are no commands as to dwelling or career. We can't all be preachers and teachers. "If the ear shall say, 'Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body;' is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the



members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased Him. There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another, having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." It may seem a person does nothing in the Church, but you have no way of knowing how many hours they spend in prayer for others or the amount of encouragement they may be giving to others. False teachers claim "new" insight and lead millions into perdition with a "word of knowledge." Just exactly what does that mean? Beware teachings that contradict God's Written Word. Paul predicted the era in which we find ourselves. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the Truth, and shall be turned unto fables." Beware any who use faith for profit! The true minister does not burden the flock, but freely gives of himself AND his finances. Beware church members who refuse to tithe! A man named, Jack Palmer, was called of God to the Amazon jungle. He first approached others for support, but when the support came with strings attached, he abandoned it. Before He even left the U.S. the first time in 1960, God had fully funded the endeavor! The rest of his life he depended on God for everything and never lacked for anything. He ministered to primitive people in primitive areas for thirty two years. He hunted and fished for his family's food and they lived in a thatch roofed dwelling. When health forced them to return to the U.S., five indigenous churches were thriving! He continued pastoring until his death in 1998. They had no health insurance nor retirement plan, but they never lacked a day for anything, including housing, medical treatment, and cemetery plots! I know this for a fact, because I am their eldest child! Beware the "evangelist" who is wealthy! Some religions boast lavish headquarters and own entire cities, while exhorting others to "give" sacrificially. Beware! "Be not deceived!"

> The pompous one who claims to be, The minister of God to thee, And claims to know the Truth revealed, Beware! For God his fate has sealed. ~CGP

Men have written volumes trying to explain the Truth, but only God, the Holy Spirit, truly can. It's mysteries revealed by God's whispers to the thoughts of diligent seekers who "meditate therein, day and night. Seek and ye shall find." Don't seek and you'll find nothing. You have to search where the treasure is to find it! It's buried in plain sight, but only those who believe it exists and search for it, find it!

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matthew 24:23-24 KJV