



Key Scripture:

Matthew 24:44 CEV

Always be ready! You don't know when the Son of Man will come.

Take Heed

Matthew 24:4-5, 11 & 24 NKJV

- 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.**
11 Then **many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.** 24 For false christs
and false prophets will rise and **show great signs and wonders to deceive,**
if possible, even the elect.

How can we be deceived?

✓ **Pride**

Obadiah 1:3 NASB

The arrogance of your heart has deceived you...

✓ **Wrong Associations**

1 Corinthians 15:33 NASB

Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

✓ **Seeking signs & wonders.**

Matthew 24:24 NKJV

For false christs and false prophets will rise and
show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

✓ **Reject sound doctrine.**

2 Timothy 4:3 NASB

For the time will come when **they will not endure sound doctrine:**
but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers
in accordance to their own desires,

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Are We There Yet?

Take Heed Don't Be Deceived!

How To Keep From Being Deceived...

1. **Filter** everything through God's written Word.

Matthew 4:4 NKJV

But He answered and said,

"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

2. **Foster** a love for the Truth.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 NLT

This man will come to do the work of Satan
with counterfeit power and signs and miracles.

He will use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction,
because they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them.

3. **Focus** on Jesus.

Revelation 19:10 NKJV

And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am
your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God!
For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

4. **Fear** the Lord.

Psalms 25:14 NLT

The LORD is a friend to those who fear Him. He teaches them His covenant.

John 15:14-15 NKJV

14 **You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.**
15 No longer do call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing;
but I have called you friends,
for **all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.**

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