



## CONFLICTING VOICES

### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

II Timothy 4:1-5

### ADDITIONAL STUDY

Genesis 3:1-7, I Timothy 4:1-2 & Ephesians 6:12-13.

### PRAYER POINTS

+ Pray that God will open your eyes so you can avoid the deception that is in the world.

+ Pray for revelation knowledge as you study the Word that would keep you on the straight path.

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For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.- II Timothy 4:3-4

We live in a world where there are various doctrines, opinions, philosophies, humanistic ideologies, atheism, etc., all calling for attention. Our focal scripture is being fulfilled before our very eyes because these are the days when people are turning from the truth and following fables. One of Satan's strategies today, with the advent of social media, is to put out a lot of conflicting truth and information out there until the 'undiscerning' mind is confused. The aim of these 'voices' is to undermine the place and the authority of God in His children, and more importantly, in the world.

These voices often use some scriptures to validate their opinions; they sometimes carefully dodge other portions of the bible and build a doctrine around just one portion, but you must be careful. If a text is taken out of its context, all you will be left with is 'con', you end up being conned. The pattern of Satan's deception has been established right from the very beginning in the Garden of Eden, and as we can see, he has no new tricks. What he does through the many voices today, is to misdirect people from the truth of God's Word by twisting the Word and get people to question if the Word really says what it says. There are many Christians today who are deceived, headed to perdition because someone has told them, "Has God really said? Did God really mean it?" Another angle he comes from is, spreading lies that get people to question the character of God and to see God as too demanding. Again, he pushes out information that makes people feel there is nothing wrong with living a sinful lifestyle because the Grace of God is sufficient for them.

In Galatians 6:7, Paul, writing to Galatians believers, said to them, "Don't be deceived." It means that believers can be deceived; else, God wouldn't say that. Therefore, we must be careful not to give heed to these seducing spirits. As believers, the days are upon us when we must know why we believe what we believe. We must study to show ourselves approved, rightly dividing the Word of God; we can't just feed off someone's posts on social media. It is only when we read, understand and rightly divide the Word of God, that we would be able to defend our faith against the doctrines of demons and lying voices.