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Don't Jump to Conclusions

Joshua 9:1-27

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They worked craftily, and went and pretended to be ambassadors. And they took old sacks on their donkeys, old wineskins torn and mended, old and patched sandals on their feet, and old garments on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry and moldy. And they went to Joshua, to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a far country; now therefore, make a covenant with us." (Joshua 9:4-6)

"Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the animals the LORD God had made" (Genesis 3:1 NIV)

"Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is not surprising that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness." (2 Corinthians 11:14-15 NASB)

"Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the devil's schemes." (Ephesians 6:11 NIV)

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"Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil." (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 NIV)

"Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true." (Acts 17:11 NIV)

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"Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from Me, you evildoers!'" (Matthew 7:22-23 NIV)

"...Don't always believe everything you hear just because someone says it is a message from God: test it first to see if it really is. For there are many false teachers around." (1 John 4:1 LB)

"In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil." (Hebrews 5:12-14 NIV)

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"Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions, but they did not ask counsel of the Lord." (Joshua 9:14)

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." (James 1:5)

"...You do not have because you do not ask." (James 4:2)

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture references are taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.