

# A SHOW OF WISDOM

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## INTRODUCTION

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- A. *“Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will-worship, and humility, and severity to the body; but are not of any value against the indulgence of the flesh.”* v. 23.
1. Much of this chapter has been a warning by the apostle about those and that which would lead Christians away from God.
  2. One of the real dangers of this error, and deceitfulness of men is that it looks good.
  3. The better it looks - an appearance of wisdom” the more dangerous it is.
  4. *“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and she gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat.”* (Gen. 3:6).
- B. ONCE SAVED...Always Saved....You can't fall from grace.
1. How they arrive at this teaching.
    - a. Total hereditary depravity.
    - b. Unmerited Grace.
    - c. Limited atonement
    - d. Irresistible of grace.
    - e. Perseverance of the believer.
  2. If the first four were correct, then the final one would also be correct.
  3. If this were correct, then Paul's warning in Col. 2, would be meaningless.
  4. Let's look at some of the warnings that Paul gives.
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## IT IS THERE

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- A. There are those things that look good, sound wise.
1. *“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”* (I John 2:16).
  2. That which appeals to man.
- B. Paul's encouragement is for us to take a closer look.
1. To be careful
  2. So as not to be deceived.
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## FALSE TEACHing-ERS

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### A. ARE THERE FALSE TEACHERS TODAY?

1. Peter said:
2. *"But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them.." (II Pet. 2:1).*

### B. WHAT IS FALSE DOCTRINE:

1. Jesus's definition: *"But in vain do they worship me, teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men."* (Matt. 15:9).
2. Teaching as their doctrine the commandments of men.

### C. DOES SINCERITY COUNTER FALSE DOCTRINE.

1. "It doesn't make any difference as long as one is honest and sincere".
2. "It makes no difference what one believes as long as he is trying and does it with a good conscience.

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### D. Remember Paul's words, "which things have indeed a show of wisdom" v 23

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## RESULTS

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### A. What are the results of following false or wrong teachings.

1. "The Young Prophet"
  - a. The advise of the old prophet sounded good.
  - b. It appeared to be wise.
  - c. But it cost him his life.
2. King Saul.
  - a. Sounded good.
  - b. Seemed to be wise.
  - c. Was completely wrong.

### B. Gal. 1:8; *"But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema."*

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## FROM CHAPTER TWO

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### A. "That no one may delude you with **persuasiveness of speech.** V 4.

1. To be deceived.
2. Fails to deliver that which is promised. ‘
3. We need to make sure that that which we hear is "the oracles of God."

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- B. "Take heed lest there shall be any one that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit. V 8.
1. They teach "the traditions of men".
  2. "The elements of the world".
  3. Instead of being persuaded by the eloquence of the speaker we need to know the source of the message!!
    - a. Is it from man?
    - b. Is it from God?
- C. "LET NO MAN JUDGE YOU IN...MEAT, DRINK, DAYS, ETC."
1. Let no one "condemn" you by giving laws that did not come from God.
  2. Neither let them judge, condemn you by denying the commandments of God.
- D. "Let no man rob you of your prize"
1. By leading you away from Christ. v. 20
  2. They are interested in you, not the salvation of your soul.
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## CONCLUSION

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- A. Man like that which appears wise, right, etc.
1. It looks good.
  2. It appeals to the ego.
  3. Man's first sin...Gen. 3:6.
- B. We need to recognize and submit to the wisdom of God.
1. He knows our every need.
  2. When men try to direct their own way, they soon become lost.
  3. "O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." (Jeremiah 10:23).
  4. God's Word is the "lamp unto my feet, and light unto my path." (Psalms 119:105).
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*"...that we may be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error; but speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things into him who is the head, even Christ." Eph. 4:14-15.*