

A CORRUPTED MIND

Our lesson text is taken from (1 Tim.6:5).

The words “Corrupted Mind” comes from two Greek words (diaphtheiro) [corrupted] and (ton nous) [the mind].

- Diaphtheiro means to be corrupted “through and through” (KJ; NIV; Amplified).
- It is translated “depraved” by the NAS in 1 Tim.6:5 (**perfect/passive/participle**) (g.pl.m) [to alter from original form].
 - In the **perfect tense**, it means to be utterly corrupted through and through or **to the core**.
 - The **passive voice** refers to being corrupted. The action of corrupting is being received and accepted volitionally by the believer.

Today’s lesson will study five aspects of how a believer’s mind can get corrupted by Cosmos Diabolicus, false doctrines resulting in worldly thinking.

- 1. The believer who was once positive and spiritually healthy towards divine truth now has a corrupted mind to the same divine truth because of receiving and accepting false doctrines.**

Jesus dealt with this doctrinal concept,

(Matt.6:24) “**No man can serve** two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You **cannot serve** God and mammon (treasure of heart/ **21**).”

Diaphtheiro [corrupted] is used in (Acts 2:27, 31) and (Acts 13:34-35) to describe the decay of the body (decay or disintegration of flesh). However, in our text, it refers to the decay or corruption of the mind by Cosmos Diabolicus thinking resulting from believing false doctrines.

- 2. While a Corrupted Mind is the subject of this lesson, it is only one of seven characteristics of the apostate teacher of false doctrines (1 Tim.6:4-5).**

These seven characteristics are identified by seven verbal forms:

They are conceited

They understand nothing

They have an unhealthy interest in controversies

They quarrel over words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, and evil suspicions

They constantly create friction between people of corrupt minds,

They have been robbed of the truth

They think that godliness is a means to financial gain.

A description of the human Soul:

- Self-consciousness
- Conscience
- **Mind - Mentality - Heart**
- Volition
- Emotion

3. Paul describes three dangers that a teacher of false doctrines can have on your spiritual growth.

1st They advocate different doctrines (heterodidaskaleo/ p.a.ind.3ps). This is the story behind the offerings of Abel and Cain
(Gen.4:1-12; 1 John 3:12).

2nd They do not agree (me proserchomai/ p.m.ind.3ps) with sound (hugiaino/ p.a.ptc.dplm) spiritually healthy words of The Lord Jesus Christ (3 John 2) (logos) (Heb.5:13-14). Sound words are used a lot in the Pastoral Epistles
(1 Tim.1:9-10; 6:3-5; 2 Tim.1:13-14; Titus 1:7-11; 2:1-3, 6-8).

3rd They do not agree with the doctrine to godliness (eusebeia)
(1 Tim.3:16; 4:6-10; 6:3-5, 11; 2Tim.3:1-5; 2 Pet.3:10-13).

4. These are teachers who have gone negative to Divine Truth and create a spiritual vacuum in the believer's soul for cosmos Diabolicus (false doctrines) to be received and accepted that now work against that same Divine Truth.

Eve is an example of how a sound spiritual mind can be corrupted by a teacher of false doctrines that “do not agree with doctrine of godliness.”

In Gen.3:1-6, Satan approached Eve with questions involving a Bible study she had attended.

Doctrinal principle: (2 Cor.2:11) “So that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.”

Pay attention to the angelic conflict.

- **Satan** (Gen.3:1) Questioning the Word of God regarding the tree and attacked specific points of doctrine regarding it (Gen.2:16-17).
- **Eve** (3:2-3) “Not sure”, answered vaguely about the tree and the Will of God towards it. (Eph.5:6).
- **Satan** (Gen.3:4-5) Attacked Divine Truth with Human Viewpoint which I refer to as Cosmos Diabolicus.
- **Eve** (Gen.3:6) Has now accepted a different (doctrinal viewpoint) of the tree: “it was now - good for food, a delight to the eyes and desirable to make one wise”. She took and ate, and gave to her husband and he ate! **Corrupted Minds – Notice the process of how she got there.**

Paul called it **becoming thoroughly deceived** (exapatao/ a.p.ptc.nsf) (1Tim.2:14; 2 Cor.11:3-4; 2Thess.2:3).

5. The Restoration of a corrupted mind also involves a Conviction Process to get back to a mindset of positive volition for the need for a relationship with God (Heb.5:11-14).

- **Sin exposed** (Gen.3:8-11) God questions Adam – “Have you eaten from the tree of **which I commanded** you not to eat?”
- **Sin excuses** (Gen.3:12-13) Adam and Eve finally get to confession of eating.
- **Sin expiated** (Gen.3:21) God’s grace provision for them – “Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.”
 - “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29)

This conviction process is taught by Jesus in the parable of the prodigal son (Lk.15:14-20).

The prodigal son “came to his senses” regarding his need to return to relationship with God (Lk.15:22-24).

- **Nicodemus** went through this conviction process to believe the gospel of Jesus Christ (John 3:1-21; John 14:6).
- **Saul of Tarsus** went through this conviction process to believe the gospel of Jesus Christ (Acts 7-9).
- **Ron Adema** went through this conviction process to believe the gospel for grace salvation (John 16:8-11).