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[Special Series: Church Priesthood Ministry]
THE DECEIVED CARNAL BELIEVER-PRIEST

We are currently studying a special series on Church Priesthood Ministry. All of these Church Priesthood Ministry lessons come from Paul's use of the present imperative (command) taken from Galatians Chapter Six.

(Gal.6:1)	Restore	(katartizo)	Restoring trespass believers in the spirit of gentleness.
(Gal.6:2)	Bear	(bastazo)	Bearing one another's burdens in the love of Christ.
(Gal.6:4)	Examine	(dokimazo)	Examining one's priesthood regarding boasting in the Lord.
(Gal.6:6)	Sharing	(koinoneo)	Mutual sharing of all of God's goodness.
(Gal.6:7-10)	Deceived	(me planao)	Don't be deceived, the Believer will reap what he sows.

The fifth present imperative is a stern warning to the believer-priest in (Gal.6:7-8). When you read (Gal.6:7-10), Paul warns about **two types** of church priesthood ministries:

- **Carnal** (Gal.6:7-8)
- **Spiritual** (Gal.6:9-10).

This lesson will focus on the three aspects of the deceived carnal believer-priest (Gal.6:7-8)

1. Our fifth present imperative is a negative used as a warning to the believer-priest.

“Do not be deceived (me planao/ p.p.impv.2pl) (Gal.6:7) [wandering]. The English word planet comes from this Greek word. Planao was used in (Matt.18:12) and (1 Pet.2:5) with sheep going astray or wandering off...

Who would want to deceive the believer-priest, causing him / her to wander off from Christ regarding the Directive Will of God?

(Rev.12:9) “And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and satan, the one who deceives (The Deceiver) the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. (ho planao/ p.a.ptc.nsm)

Three classic Scriptural examples of **the Deceiver** leading believers astray from the Directive Will of God are (**Gen.3:4-5**; 2 Cor.11:2-4; and 1 Tim.2:14).

Don't put yourself in a compromising position where you have to deceive yourself into thinking that by going against the Directive Will of God you will be better off than obeying it.

What did Paul teach immediately after the command, “do not be deceived?”

2. Paul taught immediately how the world's (cosmos diabolicus) deception of believer-priest affects two absolute laws of God.

Cosmos diabolicus (CD) is the worldly belief system of the devil that stands in contrast to the truth of the Word of God (Gen.3:1-7; 2 Tim.2:26; 2 Cor.2:11; Matt.4:8-10).

- **The 1st Law:** “**God is not mocked** (theos ouk mukterizo/ p.p.ind.3ps)”
- **The 2nd Law:** “**Whatever** (hos ean) **a man sows** (speiro/ p.a.subj.3ps), **this** (houtos/ asn) **he will also reap** (therizo/ f.a.ind.3ps)”

NOTE: There is no definite article (the) with **God (theos)**. The absence of the article shifts the emphasis from the person of God to the essence of God with the idea of mocked (mukterizo/ p.p.ind.3ps) (Prov.1:30/ LXX).

Mukterizo refers to how the essence of God responds (passive voice) to the treatment of contempt, sneering or snubbing the nose at His directive will (Ps.33:11; Heb.4:12) (Ps.94:11; 1 Cor.3:20).

3. The believer-priest must never think that his sowing to the flesh can never deceive God or that he can hide sin from God. “Would not God find this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart.” (Ps.44:21)

EXAMPLES:

- **Adam and Eve** were thinking Cosmos Diabolicus (CD) in trying to hide from God in (Gen.3:8-11). “Be sure your sin will find you out.” (Num.32:23/ Moses)
- **David** was thinking Cosmos Diabolicus (CD) in sowing to the flesh in (2 Sam.11-12). Prophet Nathan confronted David -”Why have you despised the word of the Lord by doing evil in His sight? (2 Sam.12:9a).
 - “**Then David said to Nathan,** ‘I have sinned against the Lord.’” (2 Sam.12:13a)
 - “**Then David confessed to The Lord:** “Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge.” (Ps.41:4; Luke 15:17-18, 21; **1 John 1:9**)

“**God is not mocked;** whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.” (Gal.6:7)

The believer-priest who sows to the flesh (the lust trends of his/her Old Sin Nature) is carnal (1 Cor.3:1-3) (sarkikos). The carnal believer-priest will reap corruption (phthora)

- The degeneration of Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) thinking
Rather than
- The regeneration of New Man Divine Viewpoint (NMDV) thinking. (Rom.12:1-2; Eph.4:22-24).