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### **Holy Spirit Warnings & Teachings**

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The Word of God is likened to a forest. As the Word has many books and verses, the forest has many trees. One tree does not make a forest and one book or verse does not make a Bible. We cannot go to the forest and pick out one tree and state this is what the forest is. Just as we cannot go to any one book or verse of the Bible and state, I have found the truth. If we do, we are only partially correct with the truth we have found. Now we must look at the rest of the books and verses in the Bible and see how that one truth fits and applies with all of the truths.

Three blind men cannot describe an elephant, for they cannot see the whole; we cannot proclaim a truth of the Word of God unless we know the whole Word of God. By proclaiming a partial truth without the whole truth, we become false prophets deceiving many. The partial truth sounds good and tickles the ears of Christians leading them from the narrow path setting them up for a fall, for they lack the knowledge of the whole truth.

Remember the Word of God is written like a computer program. As with a computer program, a statement is made. Then that statement must be qualified as true or false by if and or and therefore statement. The Word of God is the same. A verse quoted is true only when we do the if and but or therefore to fully qualify the verse as being true as stated. Otherwise, by grabbing one verse without doing what it takes to qualify the statement, we become deceived and mislead suffering needlessly. And worst of all we lead others into deception.

We cannot assume what the man behind the pulpit, or the man on radio or TV preaches is true. If we are washed in the Word, we will be like the people of Berea, searching the Scriptures to check what is being preached lines up with the whole Word of God. The Word of God states that many

deceivers have gone out into the world. Sadly many of these deceivers love God, but have missed the whole truth only by seeing 'the one tree in the forest' or not attaching the if and or but therefore to qualify the statements they make. Pray for them to see the whole truth of the Word of God and that they may then preach the complete truth of the Word of God.

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