"The Tragedy Of Being Deceived"

Lesson Text: 2 Timothy 3:13.

I. The Deceived Believe Someone Who Is Lying To Them.

- 1 Timothy 4:1-5.
- Why Do People Believe lies?
 - (1) The Deceiver Looked like A Man of God- Zechariah 13:4.
 - (2) The Deceiver said He was speaking God's Word- 1 Kings13:11-24.
 - (3) Deceivers speak some truth, but not all of it. 2 Peter 2:18-19.
 - (4) It sounds like the truth to them. **Romans 16:17-18.**
 - (5) "They were just so persuasive and loving."
 - (6) They have convinced themselves that "Doctrine doesn't matter."
 - (7) They say, "You have your portion and we have our's."
 - (8) They trust & <u>Never</u> Study for Themselves- Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:1.
 - (9) They are gullible like Children- Ephesians 4:14.

(10) They don't Love the Truth- 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12; Ezekiel 14:4.

II. The Deceived Fight And Argue Against The Truth.

- Acts 19:23-26; 22:23; 23:12-13; 2 Timothy 4:14.

- They can be very sincere and zealous in error- Acts 26:9; Rom. 10:1-3.
- They become convinced & openly defend their beliefs- Acts 19:27-29.
- They are Personally Offended When Told they're Deceived- Matt. 15:12.

III. The Deceived Are Lost And Don't Know It.

- Some look at Being Deceived as a "Pass on Sin." 2 Cor. 11:1-4.
- They Have Departed the Faith- 1 Timothy 4:1.
- 2 Peter 2:1-2; 2 Peter 2:18-22; Matthew 15:14.
- They Will Not Find Out Until Judgment Day! Matthew 7:21-23.

IV. What Is Our Response To The Deceived?

- 2 Timothy 2:24-26. (Last)

- Love Them Enough To Reach Out To Them- 2 Corinthians 5:10-11.
- Show From Scriptures Where They Are In Error- Titus 1:9.
- Don't Be Arrogant or Unkind, But Speak Truth With Love- Eph. 4:15.
- Pray For Them Constantly- Romans 10:1.