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Subject: Taking Heed

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There are many admonitions given in scripture concerning us taking heed . Just a couple of weeks ago we looked at Luke 11:35; where Jesus told us to take heed that the light in us be not darkness. Psalms 119:9 says; "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy Word."

Today I was reading Luke 21, where Jesus answers the question as to when the end will come and what signs will there be when these things come to pass. Jesus says in verse 8; "Take heed that ye be not deceived:"

So how do we TAKE HEED? I am just going to share a few ways that I believe He is telling us here in this passage...(we know there are hundreds of ways to take heed to God's Word, by obeying whatever He has shown us)

What Jesus says for us to do in order to not be deceived, or how to take heed:

verse 8; speaking of many coming in His name claiming to be Christ; He says, " go ye not therefore after them ".

verse 9; when we hear of wars and commotions; He says, " be not terrified "

verse 14; He says when we're brought before rulers, to not give thought as to what we'll say, to settle it in our hearts, not to meditate on our answers, that He'll give us a mouth and wisdom with which to answer.

verse 16-18; when we're betrayed and hated, not a hair on our head will perish.

And in verse 19 He gives us a key to understanding what He's teaching us..." In your patience possess ye your souls." Patience here means, endurance; by your endurance you will win your souls.

verse 28; He tells us when these things begin to come to pass, to look up, for our redemption draweth nigh.

verse 36; And Jesus ends this teaching with this..."Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before The Son of man."

So in these passages we find several key ways to take heed to God's Word in order to avoid

deception and ultimately through endurance, receive the crown of life promised us. Don't follow false Christs'; don't be afraid; settle God's Word in our hearts and totally trust Him to give us what to say; don't worry when we're betrayed by those around us; hold fast through endurance; be ever dilligently looking up with expectancy; and pray to escape all these things.

Taking heed takes dilligence, perseverance, endurance, prayer, and focus. If it wasn't possible, He wouldn't have told us to do it; we can, by His GRACE...

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