Safegyarded from error  
  
2 Corinthians 11:2--For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.  
  
Introduction  
  
   A plea to not be deceived  
  
Deuteronomy 11:16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;  
  
What defenses do we have against deception? Safeguarded from error  
  
  
I. Be aware of the danger  
  
  A.  the danger of deception  
      As loose and careless we are the danger is real  
  
2 Peter 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.  
  
B. Subtlety  
  
So often it is what the devil leaves out that makes the difference  
  
New age versions  
1john5:7 omitted  
Phil. 4:13 through him who gives me strength  
  
The big print giverh the small print taketh away  
  
II. Simplicity toward Christ   
  
The devil tries to make additions to our godly profession that he might draw our attention away from Christ.  
  
2 Corinthians 11:3 (KJV)  
But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from   
--the simplicity that is in Christ.  
Completeness;integrity;singleness  
  
1 Cor 2:2For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.  
  
  
--though eve was beguiled   
1. (v. t.) To delude by guile, artifice, or craft; to deceive or impose on, as by a false statement; to lure.  
3. to while away; to divert.  
(ILLUSTRATE WITH PITCHER OF GREEN WATER AND ADD WATER)  
--works to our justification  
--exceptions to our love  
--detours to our walk  
--dogma to our doctrine(such a stronghold)  
--darkness to our light joy peace  
  Matthew 6:23 ... the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!  
--distractions to our mission  
  
II. know them which labor among us : Paul makes a directly personal plea to the Corinthians   
-to the flock not elders as Tim Titus revelation etc  
  
2 Corinthians 11:1,4 (KJV)  
Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed   
bear with me.   
[4] For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted,  
 ye might well bear with him .  
  
--Tho I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge  
    Bro. Alward   
  
rood: Not "impolite" in English Versions of the Bible ( 2 Corinthians 11:6 (idiotes, `though I lack technical training in rhetoric')  
  
--accepted in god or exceptional? Not a whit behind ... Gods ministers are some of his gifts to the church eph 4:12,13... Do we appreciate them and honor properly  
--substance or style???  
--heart or hirelings??  
   2 Corinthians 11:11 (KJV)  
   Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth.  
  
2 Cor 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy...  
  
III. Study the word of god  
--REALstudy of what is there instead of what you want to be told or have been told only looking for confirmation of your preconceptions. Real study allows the word to speak for itself.   
  
  
IV. try the spirits