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**Colossians 2:4-10**

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  - “Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit...” **vs 8**
    - Cheat – *sulagogeo* – “to carry off as spoil, lead captive” (Vine’s)
    - “See to it that there is no one who **takes you captive...**” **Col 2:8, NASB**



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  - A few examples...
    - No resurrection of the dead.  
***1 Cor 15:12***
    - Where is His coming? ***2 Pet 3:1-9***
    - The more we sin, the more grace we receive. ***Rom 6***



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***Col 2:4***
    - “false apostles.” ***2 Cor 11:12-15***
    - “false teachers.” ***2 Pet 2:1-3***
    - “every of doctrine” ***Eph 4:14***
    - “empty words” ***Eph 5:5-7***



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***Col 2:4***
    - The serpent deceived Eve.  
***2 Cor 11:3***
    - Do not listen to “evil men and impostors.” ***2 Tim 3:13***
    - Do not be misled regarding the kingdom of God. ***1 Cor 6:9-11***



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- Do not be deceived.
  - Do not listen to “philosophy and empty deceit.” **Col 2:8**
    - Traditions of men
    - Basic principles of the world



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- Do not be deceived.

- Do not listen to worldly desires.

***James 1:13-18***

- Worldly desires can separate us from our love for God. ***1 John 2:15-17***
- We are tempted by our own worldly desires. ***James 1:13-15***
- Worldly desires may appeal to us when we are not content with what God has given us. ***James 1:16-18***



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- Be content with Christ and the Word of God.
  - Children can be lured away.
    - Consider Paul's warning.  
***Eph 4:14***
    - Some seek to deceive the hearts of the simple. ***Rom 16:17-18***



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- Be content with Christ and the Word of God.
  - A servant of the Lord is to teach so others may be set free from captivity. ***2 Tim 2:24-26***



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- Be content with Christ and the Word of God.
  - Hearts encouraged by God's word.  
***Col 2:2***
  - Be knit together in love. ***Col 2:2***
  - Seek to have “all riches of full assurance” that comes from knowing the word of God.  
***Col 2:2-3***



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- Be content with Christ and the Word of God.
  - Walk in Jesus Christ. **Col 2:6**
  - Be rooted and built up in Christ, established in the faith, as you have been taught. **Col 2:7**
  - Remember that you are complete in Christ. **Col 2:9-10**

