



TALK IT OVER

THE ILLUSION: INVISIBLE INSIGHTS

BOTTOM LINE

There is an invisible world.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What kind of TV show or movie unsettles you most? a real story (Dahmer)? or imaginary possibility (The Walking Dead)? Why do you think so?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [Video](#) by Craig Groeshel, When the Devil Knocks, addressing Satan's lies.

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44 NIV

Jesus responded by saying, essentially, "I will tell you why you don't recognize who I am. Because there is a deceiver, and he has so deceived you that in the face of overwhelming evidence your thinking is just twisted enough that you take what I say and what I do, and you ascribe it to something other than God. The problem is that you are of and have been influenced by, you've been deceived by, and you're under the power of your father, the devil." Now this was so especially offensive and direct because they had just finished saying, "We follow our father, Abraham." Jesus is going, "Oh no. Abraham isn't your father. The devil is your father..." Whew! I mean, try to work that into a conversation sometime when somebody's not getting it.

Jesus believed in a literal devil whose mission is to destroy and kill. He uses half truths and full-on lies to deceive us and so delude us that we can't see our delusion but believe it is everyone else. His ultimate agenda is to destroy everything good for humans, and so he uses deception to devastate our hearts and minds and sometimes even our bodies. It wrecks relationships, marriages, families, and anything truly valuable to the human race.

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In retrospect, have you ever used the Bible to defend your less than Jesus-like behavior and attitudes? How? The simple way a person is deceived is that they can't see the truth. They are fooled. Invisible means "not seen." What is the hope for a deceived person? What is the hope and direction for someone who loves a deceived person? How do you have a relationship with a deceived religious person? How do you honestly investigate yourself for deception?

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I will willingly open my heart so God can show me the carefully disguised lies I am believing.

My Action Step: _____