***In Times Like These - James, Peter, John, Jude***

**Lesson 22**

**Beware of Deceivers**

Read II John

 Memory Work: II John 9.

 1.a. Read through II John. What is the letter about?

 b. How does John address himself?

 c. We don’t know who the “elect lady” was, but could you venture a guess?

 2.a. John repeats the word “truth” five times in the first four verses. What does he say about each?

 1.

 2.

 3.

 4.

 5.

 b. John has a great deal to say about love. He mentions love four times in the first six verses. List them

 and state what he says about each..

 1.

 2.

 3.

 4.

 3.a. What does it mean for the truth to abide in you. . .how are you doing with your memory work?

 b. What does it mean to “walk in the truth?”

 c. What does it mean to walk in the truth as opposed to believing intellectually?

 d. How can we know the truth from error?

e. How would you explain this to someone outside of the faith?

Think about It has been said that the Church is one generation away from extinction. . .do you agree or disagree?

 Explain.

 f. How can we teach children to love the truth?

 4.a. Our walk with God is based on His love commands in John 13:34,35. John 14:15; I John 2:5. What

 are these commands?

b. From what beginning? II John 5. See Lesson 17.

 c. We demonstrate our love for God by obeying II John 6. . .which says?

 5.a. What do deceivers do? Verse 7.

 b. What does John call them?

 c. What does that mean?

 d. Why is this error so hurtful?

 e. What might individuals lose who are led astray? Verse 8. Also see I Corinthians 3:10-15.

Evaluate Christians are to be known for love and hospitality. Should you extend love and hospitality to those walking in error. . .why or why not? Remember, the early church met in homes. This would be like

 someone with other non-Biblical doctrine walking into your church and sharing.

 f. What does John say in verse 10?

 g. According to verse 11, how bad is it?

 h. Why would this be so?

 i. What happens when we try to walk in love without truth, verses 8,11. . .try to walk in truth without

 love?

 6. What we believe determines how we behave. Do you agree with this statement. . .why?

 7. What are some ways Satan tries to keep you or those in your family from staying true to Christ?

 8. Do you think most churches today are abiding in the truth. . .what is your observation?

 9. Today, do you observe a loss of the love of truth? Where?

 10. Could the U.S.A, be ripe for judgment?