

The Danger of Non-discerning Love

II John 7-13
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I. Review

II. A Gentle, but Firm Warning, vs. 7-11

- A. Caring enough to confront
 - 1. Romans 15:14; Ephesians 4:14; II Timothy 4:2
 - 2. Example of: II Samuel 12:1-13
- B. Be How to Spot a Deceiver – v.7
 - 1. Their number is great – v, 7a
 - a. II Corinthians 11:3; I Timothy 4: 1-3; I John 2:18; 4:1
 - 2. They deny the incarnation – v. 7b
 - a. John 1:14; Galatians 4:4; col. 2:9; 1 Timothy 3:16; 1 John
- C. Watch or lose – vs. 8, 9
 - 1. Be on guard – v. 8b
 - a. II Corinthians 11:13-15; I Peter 5:8
 - 2. Examine yourselves – v. 8b
 - a. I Corinthians 11:28; II Corinthians 13: 5; I Timothy 4:15, 16
 - 3. Do not lose your full reward – vs. 8c
 - a. Literally a full day's pay
 - b. II Corinthians 5:10; Colossians 2:18
 - 4. Do not compromise your doctrinal purity – v. 9
 - a. “. . . goes to far . . .” or ahead
 - b. “. . . does not have God . . .”, does not have the blessing of God
- D. Some clear guidelines – vs. 10-11
 - 1. Do not receive into your home – v. 10a
 - 2. Do not give them a greeting – v. 10b
 - 3. Thus, you take part in their evil deeds v. 11

III. Concluding Comments – vs. 12-13

- A. Personal Greetings – v. 12

- 1. The Apostle had much to say to this chosen lady
- 2. His joy would be complete when he saw her again – Malachi
- B. Family Greetings – v.13
 - 1. Greetings from her sister’s children (maybe her sister was dead)
 - 2. This letter may have been written from the home of her (the elect lady’s) sister