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This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Mark 8:14-16

Now the talmidim had forgotten to bring bread and had with them in the boat only one loaf. So when Yeshua said to them, "Watch out! Guard yourselves from the hametz of the P'rushim and the hametz of Herod," they thought he had said it because they had no bread.

Acts 20:28-32

Watch out for yourselves, and for all the flock in which the Ruach HaKodesh has placed you as leaders, to shepherd God's Messianic community, which he won for himself at the cost of his own Son's blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you; and they won't spare the flock. Even from among your own number, men will arise and teach perversions of the truth, in order to drag away the talmidim after themselves. So stay alert! Remember that for three years, night and day, with tears in my eyes, I never stopped warning you! And now I entrust you to the care of the Lord and to the message of his love and kindness, for it can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who have been set apart for God.

2 Peter 3:17

But you, dear friends, since you know this in advance, guard yourselves; so that you will not be led away by the errors of the wicked and fall from your own secure position.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 7:15-20, 24:3-5, 11, 23-24

Mark 13:9

Luke 12:1, 21:36

Acts 17:11

Romans 16:18

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-15

Galatians 6:7-9

Ephesians 5:6, 6:11-18

Colossians 2:8

1 Thessalonians 5:21

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4, 9-12

1 Timothy 4:1, 6:3-5

2 Timothy 3:13

2 Peter 2:1-2

1 John 4:1-4

2 John 1:7

Jude 1:3-4

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Genesis 3:1

Now the serpent was more crafty than any wild animal which ADONAI, God, had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You are not to eat from any tree in the garden'?"

Proverbs 22:3

The clever see trouble coming and hide; the simple go on and pay the penalty.

Isaiah 8:19

So when they tell you to consult those squeaking, squawking mediums and fortune-tellers; [you are to answer], "Shouldn't a people seek their God? Must the living ask the dead .."

Comment

Scripture is replete with warnings that a time is coming (and may already be here) that persons will appear who will tempt us to follow them and who will lead us astray. We are not told the various forms that this will take, but one I have recently noticed is teaching as factual that which is surmised from Scripture. but where Scripture is silent. An example (but by no means the most egregious) is believing recent teachings about a rebuilt third Temple that will bring with it restoration of the Mosaic Covenant. Believing this is subtly dangerous because the Mosaic Covenant (prophesied by Jeremiah as being unlike the New Covenant) cannot be restored without destroying the New Covenant that has brought us our High Priest Yeshua and the indwelling Holy Spirit. It seems that an aspect of human carnality is being discontent to not know certain things and to therefore accept plausible but scripturally unproven teachings and theories as though they were fact.

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