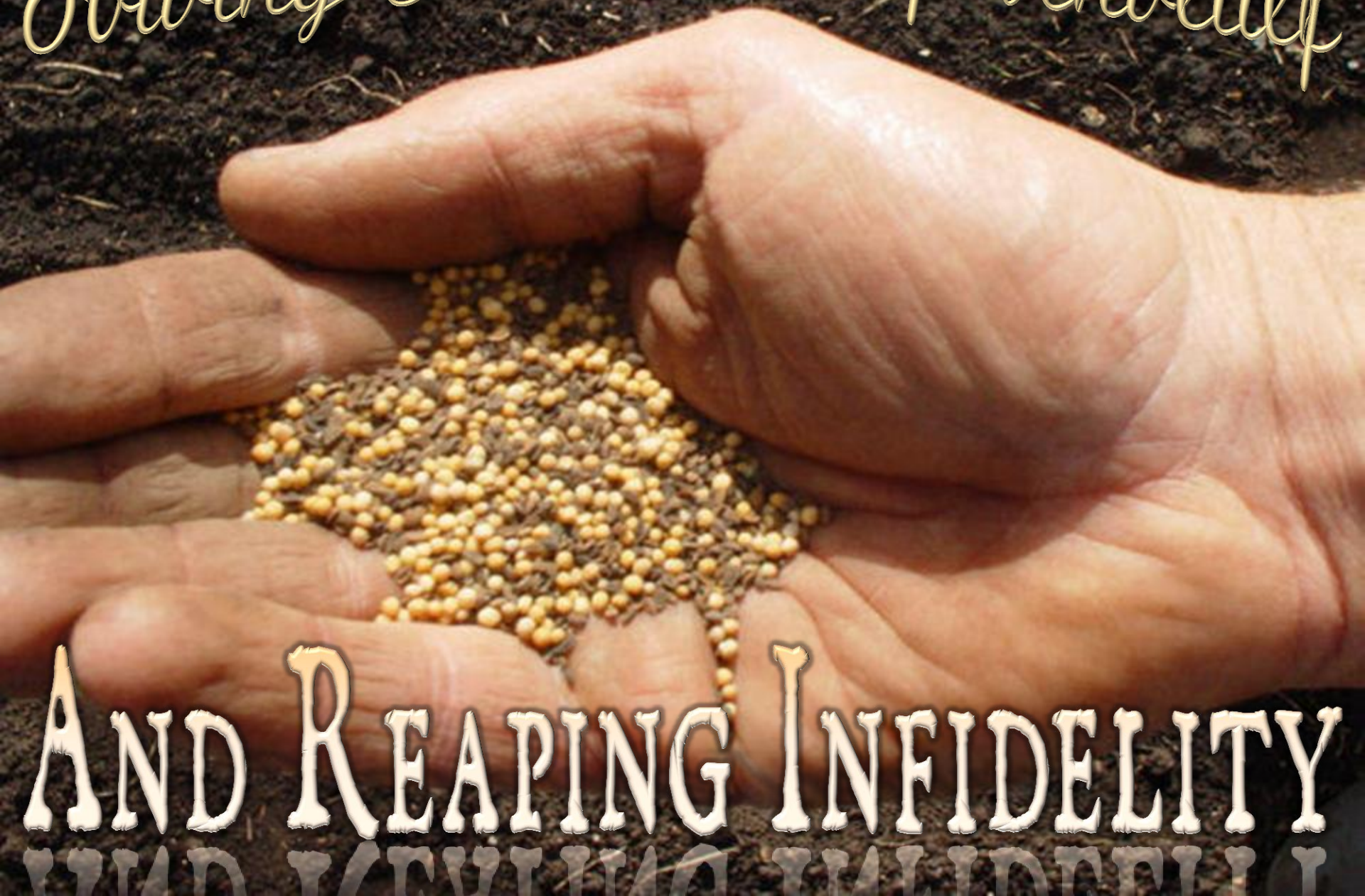


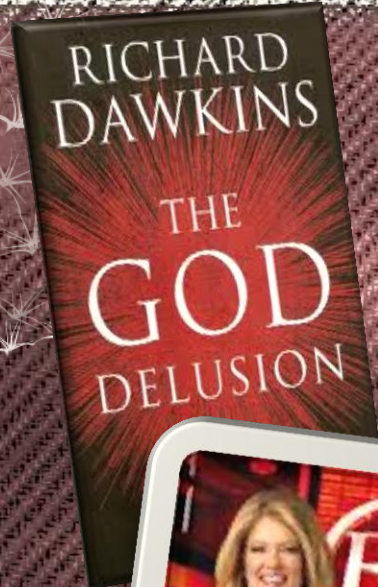
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# SOWING THE SEEDS OF UNBELIEF AND REAPING INFIDELITY



## Antagonistic Forces Working Against Us

Matthew 13:24-30

- ❖ Education system . . .
- ❖ Television, music, and other sources of entertainment . . .
- ❖ The world in general . . .
- ❖ Religion!! . . . (Even forces within the church)





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- ◆ **The principle of reaping what we sow – Gal. 6:7-9**
- ◆ **Applied to the influence we have on others – Mat 5:13-16; Rom 2:17-24**

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## **Romans 2:17-24 (NKJV)**

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<sup>22</sup> You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? <sup>23</sup> You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? <sup>24</sup> For "*the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,*" as it is written.



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- ✦ Could WE be guilty of doing things, (or not doing things) that lead to another's unbelief?
- ✦ What are some things we could do that would cause unbelief to be planted in the hearts of others?



# SOWING THE SEEDS OF UNBELIEF AND REAPING INFIDELITY

## Compromising With Error



- ◆ Compromise in areas of liberty & and opinion – YES – (Rom 14)
- ◆ Becoming more like the world will NEVER be the impetus for one to leave the world!!!
- ◆ By compromising on things that make us different from the world – we destroy ourselves – Prov. 6:27; 1 Sam. 8:5-7; Mat 5:13; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; James 4:4



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- ✦ Does not purify that which is polluted but defiles that which is pure – 1 Cor. 5:6; Gal. 5:9
- ✦ If we Compromise on morality; doctrine; worship; or practice – we *may* gain the world's approval but will lose God's! – Gal. 1:10
- ✦ Despises God's authority & negates our plea (the importance & value of truth) - Col 3:17; Prov 23:23;



# SOWING THE SEEDS OF UNBELIEF AND REAPING INFIDELITY

## Internal Strife / Division



- ✦ Dwelling together in unity is Good & Pleasant – Ps 133:1;
- ✦ Jesus Prayed for Unity that the world may believe - John 17:20,21
- ✦ Unity pleasing to the Lord is arrived at by adherence to THE TRUTH – John 17:20,21; 1 Cor. 1:10-13; Phili 1:27; Eph 4:1-6;



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- ✦ Strife & division can destroy faith and can turn people away from the truth into hopeless despair.
- ❖ Doctrinal differences -
- ❖ Business meeting or classroom brawls ...
- ❖ Constant criticism of other members ...
- ❖ Constant complaining ...
- ❖ GOSSIP ...



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## Hypocrisy and Deceit



- ✦ One's hypocrisy will never justify another's failure to believe and obey God – 2 Cor. 10:12; Mat 23:3
- ✦ However – hypocrisy can and does turn people away from the truth – Mat 23:13; Rom 2:24
- ✦ The practice of '*do as I say, not as I do*' will never positively effect those in the world and will cost you your soul! – Mat. 23; Titus 1:16



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- ◆ If you are a hypocrite – how can you help another's faith grow?
  - ◆ Your children?
  - ◆ Your family?
  - ◆ Your fellow worker?
  - ◆ Your neighbor?
  - ◆ Your friends?
  - ◆ Those you may converse with on a regular basis?



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## Inability To Give An Answer



- ✦ The main reason we should give diligence to studying our Bibles is that we may increase our own faith, (Acts 17:11,12) – but another reason is that we may be able to teach others – 2 Tim 2:2
- ✦ What effect does our silence have on those who know we are members of the church of Christ – but we never talk about it?



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## Inability To Give An Answer



- ✦ When those in the world or in denominationalism ask basic questions of us – and we are consistently unwilling or unable to answer - what effect does that have on our ability to lead them to the truth? (1 Pet 3:15)
- ✦ Could our silence and ignorance cause others, (including our children), to disrespect the truth?



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## Apathy Towards The Truth



### ♦ Seen in our:

- ❖ Failure to obey it -
- ❖ Failure to live it -
- ❖ Failure to teach it -
- ❖ Formalistic and lifeless worship -
- ❖ Unwillingness to defend it -or support those who do
- ❖ How we raise our children -



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- ◆ **Our REAL priorities and values are seen by**
  - ❖ Actions and words regarding worship and service to God -
  - ❖ What we talk about – what excites us – what we enjoy
  - ❖ Those close to us – (*we can't fool our children, our spouses , etc. – how could our apathy effect their faith?*)



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- ◆ In our family –
- ◆ Our friends –
- ◆ Our neighbors –
- ◆ Our associates -
- ◆ Our brethren –
- ◆ Ourselves!!!





*What Are You Sowing  
In The Lives of Those  
Around You?*

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**TOO LATE WHEN YOU ARE DEAD**







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<sup>13</sup> And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that *sheep* than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. <sup>14</sup> Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.