

A close-up photograph of a man's face, partially obscured by a black blindfold. The man has a light complexion and a slight stubble. The background is dark and out of focus.

Deception  
Honesty  
Sight

# The Blindfold of Self-Deception



# The Bible Puts Much Emphasis On Deception

- **Deceive** – “To lead into error; to seduce; to lead astray; to cause to wander” – Vine’s
- **The First Sin** - Genesis 3; 2 Corinthians 11:3
- **A Constant Problem** - Ephesians 4:25; Colossians 3:9-10



# Why Would A Person Deceive Themselves?

- Don't Want To Believe The Truth About Ourselves - Psalm 36:1-4
- Don't Want To Believe The Truth About Others - John 2:23-25; Matthew 10:36
- Don't Want To Accept Our Circumstances - Jeremiah 37:1-10



# Lies We Tell Ourselves

- “My Dishonesty Doesn’t Hurt Anyone”  
- John 8:44; 1 Kings 13; Acts 5:1-11
- “My Life Is Harder Than Everyone Else’s”  
- Matthew 5:45; 1 Peter 4:12-16
- “If I Ignore The Problem It Will Go Away”  
- 1 Samuel 17
- “I Don’t Have A Choice”  
- Deuteronomy 30:19; Galatians 6:7-8



# Conquering Self-Deception

- **Examine Your Life In The Light Of Truth**
  - John 8:32; 1 Corinthians 3:18-19; Isaiah 5:21
- **Allow Your Religion To Change Your Life**
  - James 1:22-27; Nehemiah 13:15-21
- **Confessing Your Sins & Weaknesses**
  - 1 John 1:8-9; Galatians 6:3; Obadiah 3

Do You See  
Yourself  
Clearly?