

## Let no one, including YOURSELF, deceive you with EMPTY words

Self-deception is CONVINCING ourselves of falsehoods and living in a false reality. It is a "MOTIVATED false belief," motivated by our REFUSAL to acknowledge the TRUTH for whatever reason.

## What does self-deception look like?

## Don't FOOL Yourself!

We deceive ourselves because we don't want to face REALITY—the truth HURTS, and so do the consequences. Therefore, we SUPPRESS the truth in our minds to the point that we live in DENIAL of the real problem.

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We deceive ourselves because we don't want to face personal RESPONSIBILITY—which means we will never GROW and will always be in a miserable, destructive STATE.

We may be able to DUPE ourselves, and even our family and friends, but God is not FOOLED. We will reap the destructive consequences of our self-lies: a CORRUPTED character.