

## Colossians 2: 8 — What Takes Women "Captive?"

*"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ."*

### Let Christ Alone Take Your Captive

- Hollow / empty
- Deceptive
- Philosophy
- Based upon human tradition
- Basic principles of this world

Christ is the yardstick by which to measure philosophy and all phases of human knowledge. Ask: "Where does Jesus fit into their thinking, their philosophy?"

### Why Are Women Easily Taken Captive? (2 Timothy 3:1-7)

False teachers worm their way into homes to gain control ("take captive") weak-willed women (undisciplined, unsatisfied, and therefore unstable women) who are:

- Loaded down, weighed down with sins, guilt-ridden
- Swayed by all kinds of evil desires or led on by various impulses/lusts"
- Always learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Being dissatisfied makes us vulnerable and gullible.

### What takes us captive?

Being weighed down with guilt feeds our vulnerability to expectations of others or ourselves:

- Beauty
- Parents
- Husband
- Education
- Homes
- Past mistakes

Feasting on various lusts increases our discontentment.

- Immorality
- Marriage and children.
- To have it all
- Children to excel in everything
- Money

Touching but never grasping (incorporating) the full truth

*Jesus Christ is above all powers and authorities, in all believers, & is all we need for earth & heaven!!*