

Two safeguards against being deceived

## I - the apostolic word -

Apostolic = "you heard from the beginning"  
the traditional message & Be suspicious  
of any teaching that ~~abandons~~ abandons or  
contradicts the traditional teaching of the  
Church Part of O's plan = to preserve  
the truth by passing it on

1 - a Familiar message } 2 Tim

2 - Faithful messengers } 3:14f

This is an objective safeguard → Don't accept their word just  
2 Cor 11: 3, 4

"By their fruit" a child knows when an apple  
rotten; He may taste the truth but believe it because another

## II - the Anointing Spirit - a Subjective

experience - it is the Spirit that enables us  
to grasp the word & it is the word that  
the Spirit teaches

Notice how John combines these two - not  
just the Spirit alone = Catherine Marshall  
quoting = "Spirit revelation not limited to O &  
N.T. Canon."

- Subjective: believing your child has done something  
wrong - can't be objective because personally involved,  
interested.

Matt 18: 25, 28

→ Authenticating witness of the Spirit  
Acts 2

→ purpose is that they may abide in Jesus

The message hasn't changed & won't - not  
itching ears - some new message from a  
new teacher.

Simple because traditional, not  
correct but probably. ask young:  
"why the change in belief?" is it because  
of fresh study of word or pressure from  
society to conform. - reflect trend  
or fashion.