

False Teachers

“...there shall be false teachers among you...”



2 Peter 2:1-3 KJV

[1] But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. [2] And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. [3] And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

The Primary Strategy of False Teaching

1. DEFEAT BY DECEPTION - Some desire things that sound good rather than the truth.
2. SEEKING FOLLOWERS - False teachers seek out the weak and vulnerable and elevate them with a form of compassion that allows all forms of behavior and seeks to remove guilt without genuinely changing their focus towards the holiness of God.
3. FOCUS ON THE IGNORANT - Some people prefer to be ruled over rather than be free because they fear the uncertainty and responsibility of their own decisions. They would rather have someone simply tell them what to do than have to spend the time and effort to uncover the truth.

How to Detect False Teachers?

1. By the message they proclaim - what they say and what they don't
Deception, Secretive, Persuasive, Sensual
2. By the pathway their message leads
Disillusionment, Destruction, Division, Discouraged
3. Their Deeds - Denial, Greed, Exploitation

False prophets start with a theme and adjust the scripture to reinforce their own fleshly desires.

The essence of their message
4. By the lifestyle they live
5. By observing those who follow them

How do we Protect Ourselves From False Teachers?

1. Studying the word of God yourself or under a trustworthy teacher
2. Learn to refute false doctrine
3. Be on guard against false doctrine
4. Separate yourself from false teachers completely



Daily study the scripture

Go directly to the word of God yourself rather than let someone interpret it for you. Verify concepts and ideas with scriptures regardless of who you've heard say it. Become so familiar with the ways of God that you can spot error quickly.

Galatians 1:7-9 KJV

[7] Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. [8] But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. [9] As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 KJV

[13] For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. [14] And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. [15] Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Matthew 13:37-39 KJV

[37] He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; [38] The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one ; [39] The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.