

Title: How to Spot False Teacher

Text: (2 Pet 2:1-3)

It is a sin to lie! (Ex 20:16; Deut 5:20) *(10 Commandments)*
It's a greater sin to teach a lie! (Ps 50:19)
It is a Monstrous thing to teach a lie about God! (Matt 5:19)

Illus: There are only 2 Faiths in the World!

The True and the The False!

The Authentic & the Un-Authentic.

(1 Cor 14:32-33) God is not the Author of Confusion.

Not Everything that sounds Spiritual is SCRIPTURAL!

I. Realize their Presence: (2 Pet 2:1) *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.*

even as there shall be false teachers among you:

They are Here now.

Radio, Cable TV, Internet, Print Media.

They were then & They are here Now: (2 Cor 11:13-15)

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.

privily shall bring in damnable heresies: They Teach Lies.
(Jude 1:3-4) *for the purposes of Power & Money.*

denying the Lord:

Denying His Authority over them by exerting their authority over others.

Denying the Lord by presenting another Gospel.

Denying the Lord by presenting their version of the Truth.

Jesus Said there would be: (Matt 24:4, 24) More will come

Even as there shall be: (2 Tim 4:1-5) Time is Now

II. Recognize Their Pretense: Pretending to be Scriptural, taking advantage of the listener's Ignorance of Scripture. They present falsehood for their own benefit.

How can you tell the difference?

By their Message, Method, & Manner

A. By their Message: 5 Proofs

No Substitute for knowing the Truth:

Illus: Study the Genuine, the fakes will stand out!

1. The Source Test:

a. Is it from scripture? (Isaiah 8:20)

b. Is it in context? (2 Peter 3:16) "*Wrest*"

Wrest~ To distort; to turn from truth or twist from its natural meaning by violence; to pervert.

If you ignore context, then any teaching is plausible.

Judas went out and hung himself - Go and do thou likewise.

***"Wrest"* To Remove out of Context.**

1st Ask These Questions:

Who is speaking? *Jesus words are in Red are helpful.*
Who are they speaking to? *Jew, Israel, Church, Christians?*
When were they speaking?

Before the flood, Calvary, or the resurrection?
After Mt. Sinai, Invasion & Captivity, Calvary?
OT or NT?

What are they speaking about? *Direct Reference, Prophecy?*
What does the entire bible say about that topic as a whole
body of information?

Fundamental Christianity is a danger to Society: Why?

The Whole ... *“Eye for an Eye”* (Ex 21:1, 24) Laws to used
to cover civil cases for this new Nation, involving a uniform
standard for determining appropriate restitution.

It never sanctioned personal vengeance.

(Lev 24:16-22) *“Ye shall have one manner of law”*
Capitol Crimes

(Deut 19:15-21) *“the judges, which shall be in those days;”*
How to properly award Damages in personal injury cases.

Does it pass the Scripture Test?

2. The Saviour Test: (Vs 1) *“Damnable Heresy”*

Heresy~Divided From Truth

Heretic~Causes division in the church (Col 1:13-18)

What do they believe about Jesus?

*Are they pointing people to believe in Him alone, or do
they add to it?*

Illus: Reformed Theology, Word of Faith,

3. The Subject Test: (Deut 13:1-5)

What is the Subject?

When you boil it down, is it the Gospel?
I don't care if he can call down fire from heaven!
“I had a Vision” - “I dreamed a Dream”
Experience does not Trump Truth!

(1 Cor 14:32-33) *God is not the Author of Confusion.*
God never Contradicts Himself!

4. The Salvation Test:

Works? (Eph 2:8-9, Titus 3:5)

God Centered/Man Centered? (Rom 9:11)

5. The Sanctification Test:

Does he live a godly life: Christ-Like

Does he live a separated life: (Rom 12:2, 1 Jn 2:15)

B. By their Method:

Stealth: Vs 1 *“Privily”*

Subtlety: (2 Pet 2:3) *“Feigned Words”*

Plastos=Plastervs Ceramic

*They Mix Truth with Error-by associating the 2
Laying them side by side.*

They use Our Words, but the devil's dictionary.

**You have access to more dictionaries now than ever,
we are just lazy.**

**These words are not Archaic, were just too lazy to
learn to use them properly.**

C. By their Manner: (Vs 2) *Pernicious-Evil/Wicked*

*Lasciviousness: Inclined to Lustfulness, Appealing to
people's lust for knowledge, experience, or power.*

(2 Pet 2:10) Apostasy & Immorality always goes hand in hand.

Illus: I had a preacher friend who started to change his thinking on divorce, not long after he was cheating, divorced, and out the ministry.

(Vs 2) “the way of truth is evil spoken of”

Illus: The Old Time Religion is mocked, referred to as Dead

(Jude 1:10, 18-19) “They Separate them selves”

We are not the ones that have moved.

The Old Black Book is no longer revered, too hard to read.

Not One Revival has come from the preaching of the new versions, why is that if we are dead?

(Vs 2) *Many shall follow: A Large crowd does not indicate TRUTH.* (2 Tim 4:3) “Sound Doctrine”

D. By their Motive: (Vs 3) *Merchandise of you!*

Ministry is not under the authority of a Local NT Baptist Church.

Steel sheep from other churches.

Where were they when your Marriage was splitting?

Where were they when you were broke?

Where were they when the miscarriage happened?

Asks you to violate scripture, Send your Tithes to us.

Makes merchandise on the Ignorance & Laziness of men.

I am not against Compensating someone for their work:

(1 Tim 5:17-18)(1 Cor 9:11-14)

But the Gospel Ministry is not about producing books, DVD's, and Podcasts;

It's about producing Multiplying Disciples.

III. Recognize Their Prospect: They will Get Theirs!

Vs 3 Judgment Slumbereth Not – No Escape

Vs 4 The angels didn't get away with it

Vs 5 Destroyed the Old World for it

Vs 6 Destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah

God warned all of these.

God Has warned America.

(Rom 8:32) *God delivered His own Son for us, how is it He WONT Judge for Spiritual Adultery?*

It is not our job as a church to correct them.

It is our job as a church to warn others by reaching them with the Truth.

Can't Teach what you don't KNOW!

Can't Give what you don't HAVE

Are you learning the Truth?

How are you learning the Truth?

When are you learning the Truth?

Where are you learning the Truth?

What are you doing with the Truth you have learned so far?