



Snapshots of a Disciple
 A study on teachers - Lesson 10

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Hello brothers, sisters, and friends,

Intro: This is continuing in our study of comparing and contrasting true Bible teachers versus deceptive false teachers. Thanks for joining us! ~ Let's dig in!

Next section in the notes of that study

Bible Teacher's side reads:

10 Faithfully teaches both the hard and easy truths of Scripture

“For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.” (Acts 20:27-28)

“Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from [obeying] the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened [fall away] through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence [obedient faith] steadfast to the end...” (Hebrews 3:12-14)

>>> in contrast/comparison to -

False Teacher's side reads:

10 Ambitiously tells stories, myths, fables, and useless trivia

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.” (2nd Timothy 4:3-4)

“But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.” (1st Timothy 4:7)

“Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers... But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort...”
(2nd Timothy 2:16-17)

“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.” (Colossians 2:8)

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My additional notes:

Curious, do you ever stop and look at what passages a preacher isn't teaching on? Or, do you ever think about or analyze what passages they use and what passages they avoid on a subject? Do you notice if they like to fill time with stories or facts that do not edify you and teach you how to please Christ more? If not, then this might be new information to you. Because one of the best ways to identify either a false teacher or a brother who's lost his way is by noting what topics he teaches on and what topics he skips, as well as what verses he spends most of his time on in comparison to ones that he quietly avoids. The why behind them avoiding certain verses actually shows what their real motivation is for doing ministry in the first place.

I don't know if people think about it much, but Jesus was convicting people of their sin every time He spoke. From what I can tell as I study His Word, there seems to be very few times when He was not teaching in a way that brought conviction and inspired the persons around him to change and grow in more obedience on a subject. Also in the verses above, God clearly warns us that there are some who teach mythology and legend instead of the Word of God. How can you tell? Well, whatever spiritual level you are at, the only way you can see this more clearly is by reading the Word of God more yourself and reading along with the teacher (checking context and accuracy in use of verses). That's how we grow our spiritual eyesight, also known as Biblical discernment.

If you find your teacher only teaching on a few subjects and oddly avoiding others, you might have just noticed that he's not an honorable Bible teacher and that you need to ask more questions or quietly assess more about that teacher. We need to always remember that some teachers start off well, but then fall away from Christ

because of their love of money. We have many of those in this country and I strongly believe we all need to become more alert to finding them. Some of them can repent, some of them are hardened, but the first thing we need to do is work to identify what kind of message they are teaching. ~

Till next time, let's keep growing in following and pleasing Jesus!
~ your friend/brother, a growing servant/life-slave of Jesus, SH :)

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About this study:

The above new lesson is one of a series that I plan to try to post once a week from. It's based on a new Bible study that my family did in 2012, where we sought to collect and compile verses that show the surface-level similarities between a Bible teacher and a false teacher, yet pointing out the bad fruit that shows up the motives, the message, and the conduct of these individuals. (To find this online - see below)

As you study this along (or read the study for yourself too), you'll notice that we do not name any Bible or false teachers by name, individually. We did that intentionally, to allow God's Word to sharpen all of our spiritual eye-sights to be able to see not just a false teacher better, but also false teaching (even when coming from a growing Bible teacher). In this study, we are not promoting ourselves better than anyone, for we too need to keep growing in hunger and thirst for God's Word and obeying what we read too. Our main point of this study is to encourage those who are studying and teaching the Bible as accurately as they can, while helping to expose false teachers by using God's Word to expose their false teaching. Of course, along the way, we encourage feedback - approving or disapproving, or even noting a gap or typo - all feedback is welcome :)

To find the whole study online:

There are 2 ways you can keep up with this study if you wish to - you can email me (see below) to be added to that e-list, or you can find them at my family's Bible study page on Facebook: 'Snapshot of a Disciple' -

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Snapshots-of-a-Disciple/140793325968043>

For those who have not seen the full study yet, here's a link:

[http://www.incpu.org/True-or-false\(booklet\)1.pdf](http://www.incpu.org/True-or-false(booklet)1.pdf)

And, you can find it on Lulu as an e-book (for free) ~ I hope to update the version soon so it can work for kindle and nook, but here's a link to the first edition:

<http://www.lulu.com/shop/s-henry/a-study-of-bible-teachers-and-false-teachers/ebook/product-20369877.html>

(If that doesn't pull up for you, please email me and I'll be glad to send you a copy of the PDF as an attachment. ~ Steven.h3@gmail.com)

*** If you missed one of the previous lessons as we work through the study, you should be able to find it here: <http://www.incpu.org/true-false.html>