



Snapshots of a Disciple
A study on teachers - Lesson 12

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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:

12 Noticeably growing in maturity and humility

“Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.” (1st Peter 4:1-2)

“And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to Heaven, but beat his chest, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I [*Jesus*] tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Luke 18:13-14)

“[*When the Master comes*] Does He [*the master*] thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'” (Luke 17:9-10)

>>> in contrast/comparison to -

False Teacher's side reads:

12 Becoming more prideful, tries to hide his heart and agenda with fake humility

“Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding fast to the Head [*Jesus, the Christ*]... These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh...”

(Colossians 2:18, 19, 23)

“These six things the LORD hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord [*fighting for selfish wants*] among brethren.”

(Proverbs 6:16-19)

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My additional notes:

Humility - it's such a simple word, and yet the world has no clue what it means. They try to imitate it, which is an admission that they know they should be humble, but they have to fake it. Does your religious teacher do that? All of us who follow Christ need to grow in this - so let's keep growing. My main point in this study is not the people in the congregation, but the leaders. Because following false teaching or false doctrine keeps some from ever getting saved. So, just keep in mind as we look at this closer - we're talking about spiritual leaders here, or at least looking at those who call themselves that, and the proof either way is in their actions.

Even in the Christian circles, there are leaders who fake humility and there are those who are genuine about it. How can you tell the difference? Well, fake humility hides itself in trite piety, sounds religious, but the rest of the time, the leader shows his true self by fighting to protect his image (*instead of fighting for what's right*), seeking to be popular (*instead of seeking to teach the truth*), seeking to be the best for selfish reasons (*instead of just doing what he ought to be doing*), seeking to get more attention for what he is doing (*instead of doing what's right and not caring about if others knowing it, or not*), and saying just enough truth and quoting just enough verses to be called 'honorable' (*yet, not enough to be truthful*).

Something I came across this week was the reality that false teachers and fake Bible teachers do not teach either the full extent of the bad news - concerning our

rebellion against God, or the full extent of the good news - concerning God's grace, rewards and Heaven, etc. Why? Because they don't know the Word of God, which is

often because they don't know the One who wrote the Word of God. I think we sometimes attribute enthusiasm for the gospel as proof of salvation, but that's not always the case. Remember, in Matthew 13, the 2nd and 3rd soils didn't get saved - and yet they did rejoice in some of God's Word. That's key - rejoicing concerning spiritual truth does not prove salvation. Only a growth in obedience to God's Word (not to legalism) does that.

So, double-check your leader/pastor - is that fake humility, or genuine? The proof of authenticity is not in the words only, but in the actions, motivations, and lifestyle of the leader/pastor. - deep thoughts to think on and to sharpen our spiritual eyesight with. :)

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)

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