



Snapshots of a Disciple  
 A study on teachers - Lesson 13

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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!

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Next section in the notes of that study

*Bible Teacher's side reads:*

13 Teaches honestly, in a way that convicts, even when it's hard to do - like agape love

“For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle [*letter*] made you sorry, though only for a while. Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner... For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.” (2nd Corinthians 7:8-10)

“One of them, a prophet of their own, said, ‘Cretans are always liars, evil beasts [*self-centered driven*], lazy gluttons.’ This testimony [*against them*] is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith...” (Titus 1:12-13)

>>> in contrast/comparison to -

*False Teacher's side reads:*

13 Teaches in a way that flatters people, giving them false confidence, to gain advantage & money

“These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage.” (Jude 1:16)

“So are the paths of all who forget God; and the hope of the hypocrite shall perish, whose confidence shall be cut off, and whose trust is a spider's web. He leans on his house, but it does not stand. He holds it fast, but it does not endure.” (Job 8:13-15)

“But everyone who hears these sayings [*teachings*] of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” (Matthew 7:26-27)

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**My additional notes:**

I've asked this before, as we've worked through this study, but I think it's good repeat the question for emphasis - Can you spot a false teacher? Curious, did you know that in America, we have thousands of 'pastors' who work with the government and corporations, closely? Those types have a different allegiance, don't they? So, the next question is: how good is your discernment - spiritual eyesight? Can you spot a false teacher? Even better question: what percentage does a person need to falsely teach of the Bible to be labeled a false teacher? It's a good question isn't it? And it needs a good answer. As we spend the rest of our years pondering that question, we do also need to learn the difference between a follower of Christ who is growing through trials and consequences, and a false teacher who looks and sounds almost the same but is only in it for the easy-job, easy-paycheck, and the fame and popularity.

This lesson here has some of the clearest distinctions in the polar-opposite differences in the patterns of growing Bible teachers, and fake liars who peddle the Word for profit. Can you see the difference? Maybe I should ask it this way - how many differences can you see between a genuine Bible teacher and a false one? How many false teachers can you name? If your list is only a few big names, then you're likely missing the ones right in front of your eyes. I pray you ponder that.

Continuing on the text: a genuine Bible teacher doesn't mind (as much) if he offends people by his message, while he tries very hard to make sure he isn't offending people unnecessarily by his delivery of the Word of God. But, a false teacher and fake

pastor isn't trying to offend anyone - he likes his paycheck a lot! The false teacher will on occasion, say something that may slightly offend people, but he thinks it's popular enough and he's jumping on the bandwagon to look good.

So, I want to wrap this up a question I started with~ Can you spot a false teacher? It's my earnest prayer that God will continue to sharpen the eyesight of those who follow Christ, because the lies today, are getting more and more subtle, and the black and white teachings of the Bible are becoming more and more gray... let's keep growing in studying God's Word and in our hunger for it!

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](mailto: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>