



Snapshots of a Disciple
 A study on teachers - Lesson 15

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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:

15 Warns against deception, teaches that we need to love the truth

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption [destruction], but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart [give up].” (Galatians 6:7-9)

“But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves... But he who looks into the perfect Law of Liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.” (James 1:22,25)

>>> in contrast/comparison to -

False Teacher's side reads:

15 Excuses deceptions, uses smooth pop-psychology and hypnotic speech

“... with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.” (2nd Thessalonians 2:10)

“A lying tongue hates those who are crushed by it, and a flattering mouth works ruin.” (Proverbs 26:28)

“But evil men and impostors [*wizards muttering spells*] will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.” (2nd Timothy 3:13)

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My additional notes:

Deception. It's a word that is tossed around in our conversations - but what is it? Deception is when someone believes something that is not true. You and I can tend to think we are invincible to deception and that we can even wade deeply into lies and still come back out with the same amount of truth - if not more. But, that's not what the Bible says.

Do you realize that Jesus described how we can lose truth? Here are a couple of verses: “**For whoever has [*and is faithful to obey it*], to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have [*rejects the truth he/she has*], even what he [*thinks*] has will be taken away from him... When anyone hears the Word of the Kingdom, and does not understand it [*rejects obedience to it*], then the wicked one [*the devil*] comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside...**” (Matthew 13:12-19) - Twice in explaining the Parable of the Soils - the most important parable, Jesus describes how we can lose truth because we've replaced it with a lie. What does this teach us? We can lose truth. In fact, every time we go to hear a speaker (any speaker), read a book, listen to music, watch a movie or TV show - there is an exchange of truth and lies in our heads. And if we take in lies and become more comfortable with sin, we've also let go of some truth. God says it this way in Romans 1: “**...who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.**” (Romans 1:25) Truth is tangible - it can be lost and we'll have to relearn it the hard way - which is why God commands us not to be deceived several times in the new testament. It's invisible yet real - just like gravity, and it's a very important spiritual fact we need to be aware of :)

Something to also think about on this subject - when you and I are taking in information, whatever we do not take through our spiritual logic filter of right and wrong, we are taking in as fact (whether it is right or wrong). If we turn off our discernment with a false teacher, then we are going to have to unlearn that false teaching someday or suffer the consequences for obeying it and embracing it. As you can see - our main battle in life is to find the truth and hold tightly to it, learning to obey it, share it, and gain more! :)

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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