



Snapshots of a Disciple
 A study on teachers - Lesson 16

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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:

16 Uses compelling words with Biblical definitions, letting God's Word teach

"And they said to one another, 'Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?'" (Luke 24:32)

"Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Men and brethren, what shall we do?' Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission [forgiveness] of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit...'" (Acts 2:37-38)

>>> in contrast/comparison to -

False Teacher's side reads:

16 Uses grand, eloquent empty words, superficial meanings and conveniently changes definitions

“For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.” (2nd Peter 2:18)

“Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.” (1 Timothy 1:5-7)

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My additional notes:

All of us appreciate things that are well-done, because it comes naturally to us. The problem with that, is that sometimes we appreciate the presentation so much that we forget to double-check the content. It's so easy for us to fall for the trick of what looks good to our eyes, that we stop there and do not check it - comparing it to God's unchanging Word. God, unlike us, is never impressed with the presentation, but He is pleased and blesses it when His Word is taught accurately, boldly, and with humility and grace. Those who don't read His Word but read what other men write about God's Word will never find the power of God backing them, and rarely will the Holy Spirit be able to use them. But, those who read God's Word and read it/teach it to other well - they can find God's power if done with the right heart-motives -- even if they *never* read a book by man about God's Word.

So, the second question from this -

How do we know when God is speaking to us? We all love it when we feel God's amazing warmth of unconditional love and are rejoice in His holiness. But, those emotionally-energized events are not always where God dwells. Sometimes those events are just pure fickle and unstable emotion in contradiction to God's Word and teachings. The times that we know we have heard from God are the times when we feel conviction for an active sin in our lives and see the need and feel the urge to grow in obedience to that, to please Him. Those events are the most holy times of our life! And those are the times when we are in the closest of fellowship with Him, not the times when we get the 'warm-fuzzies'. ***[And, yes, we all get them from time-to-time, and we need to sort through them. We need to be careful to grow in logical obedience to Him out our love for Him, and not to seek out an emotional feeling, because many times we have to get our emotions in-line with obedience to Him.]***

Remember that God commanded us to love Him with all of our heart, all of our soul, all of our mind, and all of our strength - our proof our love is not a show of emotions, but a grieving heart over our sin and turning from it, and then a growth in obedience that flows out of a gratefulness to God for His salvation and many kindnesses - including His continual patient teaching. If our favorite teacher(s) do not teach in a way that allows and works with the Holy Spirit to convict us of our sin every time (or most times) we are with that person, we need to take notice and move away from them and go find others who are honestly teaching God's Word - not keeping laws to

impress God, but growing in obedience to God and letting His teachings purify our hearts, homes and lifestyles.

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>

