



Snapshots of a Disciple  
 A study on teachers - Lesson 17

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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:*

17 Teaches about spiritual growth and obedience in the little details

**“Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”**  
 (1st Corinthians 4:2)

**“For assuredly, I say to you, till Heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven [*in Hell*]; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.”** (Matthew 5:18-20)

**“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon [*material wealth*], who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [*material wealth*].”** (Luke 16:10-13)

“... Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” (1st Corinthians 5:6-8)

>>> in contrast/comparison to -

*False Teacher's side reads:*

**17 Teaches that God is not worried about the details**

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin [*herbs*], and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.” (Matthew 23:23-28)

“Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.” (James 1:13-15)

“Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.” (Luke 12:1-3)

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**My additional notes:**

This is really getting to the core. It's the core and theme of all of Scripture, including Jesus' teachings - and it needs to become the core of our lives, more and more.

It sounds simple, yet everything inside our selfish hearts want to do just the opposite. Areas that these verses highlight and we need to grow in - Faithfulness in the details, growing in obeying and teaching His Word more, and removing everything that distracts us from following Christ - and/or limiting relationships that distract us or

encourage us to sin. But, those are the very things that hypocritical false teachers refuse to obey and will not teach because it's bad for revenue.

A good note to remember is that hypocrisy and legalism are the same thing - for no one can perfectly keep the law (God's or our own self-appointed standard). Hypocrisy is the reality while legalism is, sadly, what many fall into. It's so much easier for all of us to follow some sort of prescribed steps in obedience, rather than daily checking and correcting our hearts and our self-centered and prideful heart-attitudes. Those who pretend they are doing well, are typically the ones who are quick to self-righteously judge others. And yet, the ones who are really doing well are those who are humble and aware of their areas that offend God and others. One is pride, the other is true humility.

A minister who is not growing in obeying what He knows of Scripture will not teach those things. Nor can a minister who does not understand deeper things teach them, for he cannot. It's only those who are growing in obedience as they study and growing in being faithful in obeying what they study that get more understanding and wisdom from God.

One final thought on this, the most effective and most godly-influential ministers of the Word of God are those who are teaching and preaching what they're learning currently. That's what I try to do - and that's what this lesson is for me - a challenge and motivation to keep growing in all areas, pleading for God to keep teaching my heart to love His righteousness and truth, and to hate, turn from and run from what is evil. I hope and pray that's your desire too. ~

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>

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\*\*\* 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>