

Snapshots of a Disciple
A study on teachers - Lesson 02
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Hello brothers, sisters, and friends,

<u>Intro</u>: 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:

2 Cares about people

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another." (John 13:34)

"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself." (Philippians 2:3)

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation [judicial payment] for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." (1st John 4:10-11)

"Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, just as a mother cherishes her own children." (1st Thess. 2:6-7)

>>> in contrast/comparison to -

False Teacher's side reads:

2 Warmly interacts (for selfish reasons)

"He winks his eye to devise perverse things; he purses his lips and brings about evil." (Proverbs 16:30)

"For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?" (Matthew 5:46-47)

"Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves." (Acts 20:30)

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My additional notes:

Anyone can seem to care about the people around them, but it doesn't mean that they care from a pure heart. Finding their motives can be a bit hard, but we need to remember Jesus said all of us speak out of the abundance of our heart - when we're walking and growing in obedience to God's Word and when we're walking in preference to our self-centered and selfish desires of our hearts - in both cases, our mouth and conduct tells on us. And that's the same with true and false teachers. That's why learning to listen to what they say is SO important, because by learning to discern, we can prevent ourselves and those that we care about from being hurt by a self-centered wolf and to help them value and appreciate the honest and convicting teaching of a true teacher. ~

Till next time, let's keep growing in following and pleasing Jesus! And may God keep growing us in spiritual discernment - to see through lies and liars.

~ 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

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. ~ <u>Steven.h3@gmail.com</u>)

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