

Snapshots of a Disciple
A study on teachers - Lesson 03
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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:

3 Patient and kind

"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy, does not parade itself..." (1st Corinthians 13:4)

"For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 'Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed [entrusted] Himself to Him [the Father] who judges righteously; [Jesus] who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed." (1st Peter 2:21-24)

>>> in contrast/comparison to -

False Teacher's side reads:

3 Patient and kind (for the wrong motives) - false teachers give approval to sin which leads to slavery to sin

"While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage." (2nd Peter 2:19)

"By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber..." (2nd Peter 2:3)

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My additional notes:

As we've mentioned in previous points - there is a far-cry difference between agape love and the conditional self-serving love the world gives. So, just because a leader is kind, that doesn't mean that they are a Bible teacher. I think one of Satan's best schooling methods is to teach all of his messengers to be kind - so, kind and superficial caring really doesn't mean anything - even the worst of leaders and many of the worst of criminals know how to do that. As we see someone, we need to ask 2 questions: Is the Word of God a history book to him or God's literal Word? And: Is he obeying what he is reading, or trying to hide what he doesn't want to obey? ~ watching those questions carefully will show if he's an honest under-shepherd of Christ who is actively growing and learning, or just another masterful actor who loves the easy paycheck and prestige of being called a 'pastor'. ~ let's keep growing in our discernment - ability to distinguish between right and wrong; truth and lies; fact and error; honesty and deception.

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.

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

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