

Snapshots of a Disciple A study on teachers - Lesson 05 www.incpu.org/False_Teachers/lessons-on-teachers(ls5).pdf

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!

<u>Next section in the notes of that study</u> Bible Teacher's side reads: 5 Knowledgeable in God's Word, filters everything through Scriptural truth

"Things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also... Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." (2nd Timothy 2:2,15)

"Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart... no creature is hidden from His sight, but all things are exposed and open... to Whom we must give account." (Hebrews 4:11-13)

>>> in contrast/comparison to -

False Teacher's side reads:

5 Knowledgeable in world's ways - intentionally forgets many Bible truths, repeating accepted truths while substituting worldly knowledge for what they don't like about God

"... [Worldly] Knowledge puffs up, but agape love edifies." (1st Corinthians 8:1)

"... always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." (2nd Timothy 3:7)

"But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves." (Jude 1:10)

"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!" (Isaiah 5:20)

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My additional notes:

What we spend leaders spend their time reading does a lot to show what their heart truly loves. Put in another way: if they love the Word of God, they will make time for that. But, if they're looking for some other 'wisdom', then they'll seek out the numerous others sources of 'worldly wisdom' inspired by "familiar spirits" ~ One thing is for certain: what the leader studies and cares about will come out in his words, teachings and lifestyle. If Jesus is his Master, there won't be any doubt. If there is a doubt, we ought to explore is this is just a fancy act by a lazy man who likes the easy paycheck of a public speaker that knows nothing of the calling to be an undershepherd under Christ. ~

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: <u>http://www.lulu.com/shop/s-henry/a-study-of-bible-teachers-and-false-</u> 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: <u>http://www.incpu.org/true-false.html</u>