



Snapshots of a Disciple
 A study on teachers - Lesson 06
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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:

6 Bold and gracious, obedient preaching and faith

“... how I [Paul] kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and [obedient] faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Acts 20:20-21)

“I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.” (2nd Timothy 4:1-2)

>>> in contrast/comparison to -

False Teacher's side reads:

6 Bold and rebellious, proud, cleverly softening truth, distracting from obedience

a. "... what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God." (Luke 16:15)

b. "... he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself [*get away from false teachers*]." (1st Timothy 6:4-5)

c. "O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?... Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?" (Galatians 3:1,3)

d. "You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you. A little leaven leavens the whole lump... but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is." (Galatians 5:7-9)

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My additional notes:

There is a huge, yet subtle difference between bold servant-leading and prideful lording it over. It is possible to be able to identify if the person in front of us is honorable or not, just in noticing what he is bold about. If he's bold about his accomplishments, as compared to honestly working to keep God as getting the glory - these kinds of things help us identify the difference between an under-shepherd under Christ as the Chief Shepherd, and a wolf in shepherd's cloak who knows some careful clever phrases and worldly-wisdom principles that sound good.

Another way to tell between teachers is to notice if the person is bold, yet tames his tongue - that's good. But, if he's bold and always seems to like to stir up arguments or 'debates' for the fun of it, then we need to mark that individual as trouble, at very least. Conversations on every topic of life and God's Word is something we, as Christians are supposed to do, but how we do is it just as important as the topic itself. If someone is trying to prove themselves right rather than just teaching the Word of God - that's a big difference, and a telling difference that we need to watch for and work to identify. Remember, God commands us to "test the spirits" and to examine everything by His Word - "**Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.**" (1st John 4:1) ~

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.

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~ 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>