



Snapshots of a Disciple
A study on teachers - Lesson 07

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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:

7 Systematic understanding of Scripture

"Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you." (1st Timothy 4:15-16)

"For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." (Romans 15:4)

>>> in contrast/comparison to -

False Teacher's side reads:

7 Systematic man's logic and anti-Bible psychology, inserts pieces of Scriptures

"Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise." (1st Corinthians 3:18)

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”
(Proverbs 14:12, 16:25)

“... and consider that the longsuffering [*patience*] of our Lord is salvation--as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles [*letters*], speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.” (2nd Peter 3:15-16)

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My additional notes:

In today's culture, we have a lot of teachers who teach the Bible, and yet, they don't base their teaching on God's Word, alone. God's Word isn't their main text, it's just one of many, or sometimes just helpful additional 'notes'. I think there are many reasons that explain this problem. Some teachers read books and/or prepare pre-made sermons from material put together and published by someone else. Other teachers just are too lazy to spend much time in God's Word because it's not important to them, or they too easily shy away from the tougher, uncomfortable subjects in God's Word, preferring to spend the most time on the topics that are the most popular for their audience, and comfortable to teach and listen to, topics like: God's love, true joy (or sometimes wrongly substituted for happiness), God's blessings, God's protection on His children, God's promises, etc. Still, other teachers only teach what the people want to hear (twisting God's Word as much as necessary to please their hearers), because for them, the teaching position is an easy paycheck. And then, there's another category of teachers to whom the Bible is a book of good philosophical or historical or logical information - the highest and purest of philosophic thought and moral guidelines to reach 'truth', and they teach only stuff that can make us smarter or help us to perfect our mask or make more money or manipulate people better. That's all on the one side.

Then, there's the diligent category - the kind of teacher that God commends. They are not perfect, but they spend quality time in God's Word, reading it, studying it, meditating on it - trying to find out more of how to please God themselves, and how to teach others to do the same. In this category, their focus is clear - study God's Word to get a complete view of what God said. They don't typically read other people's scholarly research, for they know that God's Word is the best commentary and dictionary on the Bible. Of course, here we do find a variety of maturity levels, but for those who love God's Word, it shows in how their focus is on prompting, inspiring, challenging, and encouraging those within their sphere of influence to seek how to please God and to spend quality time in God's Word to find out how to please Him. And they know that being ready to see God and be welcomed and rewarded in His presence is far more important than modifying their message to please the people or teach them how to become uselessly comfortable in this life (polished rebels).~

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>