



Snapshots of a Disciple
 A study on teachers - Lesson 08

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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:

8 Speaks God's truth in love and grace

“Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:29-32)

“Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside [*unsaved*], redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.” (Colossians 4:5-6)

“But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake [*persecution*], you are blessed. ‘And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.’ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense [*answer*] to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and [*godly*] fear...” (1st Peter 3:14-15)

>>> in contrast/comparison to -

False Teacher's side reads:

8 Speaks men's opinion and quotes with ease (*to not offend*)

“He said to them, ‘All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.’” (Mark 7:9)

“They speak idly everyone with their neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.” (Psalm 12:2)

“I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My counsel, and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them [*My people*] from their evil way and from the evil of their doings...” (Jeremiah 23:21-22)

“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the Kingdom of Heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.” (Matthew 23:13)

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My additional notes:

This is where the sorting out of true and false teachers gets more clearly defined. The teacher who loves God's Word is glad to quote it and because God's Word is life to him, he will teach it as his primary source - not for info, but for instruction, rebuke and encouragement in how to obey and follow Jesus Christ more and more. The false teacher doesn't really like God's Word (and is careful to avoid the parts he doesn't like), which is why he obviously avoids quoting it too much (sometimes not much at all). The false teacher very often will use useless stories or jokes or poems for to fill space and for entertainment value. It should be noticed also that the false teacher will, very often, almost teach a passage of God's Word literally, but will stop short before it convicts anyone of rebellion (action, word, thought, motivation) against God, which would reduce the 'giving' for the week. God's Word calls them clouds carried by a storm - literally clouds with no rain (2nd Peter 2:17).

In many ways, this goes back to what motivates the person speaking. Those who seek to please Christ will teach God's Word as literally as they can in a way that challenges even their own lives, in addition to those who hear them - because they know God's purifying Word will teach them, even when it causes temporary pain or discomfort. But, in contrast, those who seek to please men (and their flesh) will say what people want to hear, diminish the seriousness of sin, and their Sunday morning routine will become a speech, with little content - a good Broadway act or 'clean' religious entertainment. Those who do this kind of 'song and dance' though, are peddling the Word of God, which God takes note of much more than they do, and He will judge

them severely for all of eternity. We need to remember Jesus' words when picking a teacher, and/or when analyzing one who has some false teaching: **“Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven [*in Hell*]; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.”** (Matthew 5:19)

A key thing for all of us to grow in (to become mature followers of Christ) is learning to discern when and where the Word of God is taught in ways that are convicting to our hearts and show areas of growth in us and our lifestyles, and learning to become comfortable with that type of regular conviction - not run from it (see 2nd Timothy 3). ~

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](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>