



Snapshots of a Disciple
 A study on teachers - Lesson 09

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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:

9 Has depth and clarity - diligently studies to teach God's Word more accurately

"... his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night." (Psalm 1:2)

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." (Joshua 1:8)

"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love [agape]. For if these things are yours and abound [increase], you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 1:5-8)

>>> in contrast/comparison to -

False Teacher's side reads:

9 Is shallow and unclear - doesn't understand deeper and complex teachings of Bible

“Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.” (2nd John 1:9-11)

“For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.” (Acts 17:21)

“But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” (1st Corinthians 2:14)

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My additional notes:

One key difference between a true teacher and a false one is that a true teacher regularly spends time reading the Word of God. They don't print out online sermons and act them out - they study the Word of God diligently to teach it accurately. And, God teaches them. They are actively growing in understanding and ability to explain God's Word in a way that inspires others to spend more time reading it.

A false teacher will find long enjoyable stories to fill time. To them, life is a game, and the Bible is trivia or good wisdom to think about, but it's not life to them. Their favorite books would be those with good wisdom, like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes, not convicting books like Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Though they may reference those books here and there, they don't spend much time there, because it's not interesting to them - following Jesus is not of much importance to them. And, when they read the Word of God, they cannot understand it, because they don't know God and do not have the Holy Spirit. They may act well on stage, but what teachers spend our personal or quiet time at home doing shows what we truly care about, and is great evidence of how they don't know God.

In both cases, what they spend their time reading shows whether they do or don't care about the Word of God, and are honorably diligent to teach it or replace it with world's philosophies and trivia.

Let's keep sharpening our eyesight and challenging and encouraging honorable Bible teachers to teach more and more of God's Word, while holding those who don't love God's Word accountable, and calling them to repent or be shown as a false teacher. ~

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>