

**Comparison/Contrast of spiritual leaders:
Bible teacher's side**

**36 comparisons →
Made from the Scriptures →
In this study →
That there are faithful men of God →**

**Faithful men love His Word →
and teach disciples of Jesus →
who love to search God's truth →
and they're faithful with resources. →
Can you tell -**

So, we felt God pushing and leading us to
use the authority of Scripture to judge
rightly against the false teachers of our day
and present a Biblical case-study to identify
and encourage God's mature church leaders
who are not even necessarily ordained or
recognized by men, but are faithful ↗
undershepherds serving His church, ↗
Christ being the Head of the church. ↗

"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)
"... but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ..." (2nd Peter 3:18)

**Comparison/Contrast of spiritual leaders:
False teacher's side**

**→ 36 contrasts
→ with dozens of verses quoted.
→ we see:
→ and those who snuck in another way.**

**← Imposters misuse His words
← and gain followers for themselves
← who love men's opinion and approval
← and they're building their own kingdom.
the difference?**

↗ ↗ → God is willing to break up the false
churches and bring down their false
leadership. In today's culture, we have
some false teachers and some who have
lost their way and have wandered from the
faith they once believed and they need to
be warned not to follow in the ways of the
rebels, but to turn back to the Scriptures,
getting rid of strongholds of the devil in
their lives, and once again obey Christ.

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers,
transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And
no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into
an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his
ministers also transform themselves into ministers of
righteousness, whose end will be according to their
works." (2nd Corinthians 11:13-15)

Bible teacher or False Teacher Study

A Biblical comparison study to sharpen our understanding
of God's Word and our spiritual discernment

Welcome! We hope and pray that this study is a blessing to you as much as it was for our family to study for our own knowledge and growth in discernment and obedience to our Master and Savior, Jesus the Christ!

We encourage people to share and discuss the verses in this study. Please feel free to share this with all of your friends give it away for free, but we don't give anyone permission to change it. If you see any errors that our editing team missed, please email us and we'll try to get that fixed as soon as possible. Thank you!

Contact email: Steven.H3@gmail.com

friends of Israel,
servants of Christ
The Henry family

A free publication from the INCPU team (www.incpu.org)
The Henry family

Bible teacher's side

1 Friendly, God's joy

- ➔ "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord..." (Romans 12:10)

2 Cares about people

- ➔ "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another." (John 13:34)
- ➔ "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself." (Philippians 2:3)
- ➔ "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation [*judicial payment*] for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." (1st John 4:10-11)
- ➔ "Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, just as a mother cherishes her own children." (1st Thess. 2:6-7)

3 Patient and kind

- ➔ "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy, does not parade itself..." (1st Corinthians 13:4)
- ➔ "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 'Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed [*entrusted*] Himself to Him [*the Father*] who judges righteously; [*Jesus*] who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.'" (1st Peter 2:21-24)

False teacher's side

1 Friendly, Smiles

- ➔ "A man who has friends must himself be friendly..." (Proverbs 18:24)
- ➔ "For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state [*spiritual condition*]. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus." (Philip. 2:20-21)

2 Warmly interacts (for selfish reasons)

- ➔ "He winks his eye to devise perverse things; he purses his lips and brings about evil." (Proverbs 16:30)
- ➔ "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?" (Matthew 5:46-47)
- ➔ "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves." (Acts 20:30)

3 Patient and kind (for the wrong motives) - false teachers give approval to sin which leads to slavery to sin

- ➔ "While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage." (2nd Peter 2:19)
- ➔ "By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber..." (2nd Peter 2:3)

Bible teacher's side

4 Listens to people to help them spiritually

- ➔ “And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.” (Mark 6:34)
- ➔ “For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, that you would walk worthy of God...” (1st Thessalonians 2:8-12)
- ➔ “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)

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 discernor 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)

False teacher's side

4 Doesn't listen or follow the Word of God, so he can't help people spiritually

- ➔ “Then they [*hypocritical religious leaders*] sent to Him [*Jesus*] some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in His words.” (Mark 12:13)
- ➔ “Jesus said to them, ‘If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My Word.’” (John 8:42-43)
- ➔ “And He spoke a parable to them: ‘Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?’” (Luke 6:39)

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)

Bible teacher's side

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)

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)

False teacher's side

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)

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)

Bible teacher's side

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)

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)

False teacher's side

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..." (Jer. 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)

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)

Bible teacher's side

10 Faithfully teaches both the hard and easy truths of Scripture

- ➔ “For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.” (Acts 20:27-28)
- ➔ “Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from [*obeying*] the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened [*fall away*] through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence [*obedient faith*] steadfast to the end...” (Hebrews 3:12-14)

11 Focuses on being faithful with money, using it to serve God and help men and women

- ➔ “A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous...” (1st Timothy 3:1-3)
- ➔ “Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds [*to show off*] before men, to be seen by them, otherwise you have no reward from your Father in Heaven...” (Matt. 6:1)
- ➔ “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his Master made ruler over His household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his Master, when He comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that He will make him ruler over all His goods.” (Matthew 24:45-47)
- ➔ “His Lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.’” (Matthew 25:21)

False teacher's side

10 Ambitiously tells stories, myths, fables, and useless trivia

- ➔ “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.” (2nd Timothy 4:3-4)
- ➔ “But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.” (1st Timothy 4:7)
- ➔ “Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers... But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort...” (2nd Timothy 2:16-17)
- ➔ “Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.” (Colossians 2:8)

11 Focuses on serving money and large buildings, uses money to look religious

- ➔ “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” (1st Timothy 6:10)
- ➔ “Her heads [*leaders*] judge for a bribe, her priests teach for pay, and her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean on the LORD, and say, ‘Is not the LORD among us? No harm can come upon us.’” (Micah 3:11)
- ➔ “Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.” (Jude 1:11)

Bible teacher's side

12 Noticeably growing in maturity and humility

- ➔ "Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God." (1st Peter 4:1-2)
- ➔ "And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to Heaven, but beat his chest, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I [*Jesus*] tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:13-14)
- ➔ "[*When the Master comes*] Does He [*the master*] thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'" (Luke 17:9-10)

13 Teaches honestly, in a way that convicts, even when it's hard to do - like agape love

- ➔ "For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle [*letter*] made you sorry, though only for a while. Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner... For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death." (2nd Corinthians 7:8-10)
- ➔ "One of them, a prophet of their own, said, 'Cretans are always liars, evil beasts [*self-centered driven*], lazy gluttons.' This testimony [*against them*] is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith..." (Titus 1:12-13)

False teacher's side

12 Becoming more prideful, tries to hide his heart and agenda with fake humility

- ➔ "Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding fast to the Head [*Jesus, the Christ*]... These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh..." (Colossians 2:18, 19, 23)
- ➔ "These six things the LORD hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord [*fighting for selfishness*] among brethren." (Proverbs 6:16-19)

13 Teaches in a way that flatters people, giving them false confidence, to gain advantage & money

- ➔ "These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage." (Jude 1:16)
- ➔ "So are the paths of all who forget God; and the hope of the hypocrite shall perish, whose confidence shall be cut off, and whose trust is a spider's web. He leans on his house, but it does not stand. He holds it fast, but it does not endure." (Job 8:13-15)
- ➔ "But everyone who hears these sayings [*teachings*] of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." (Matthew 7:26-27)

Bible teacher's side

14 His Master is Jesus, he's a willing servant (bondslave) of Christ

- ➔ "For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ." (Galatians 1:10)
- ➔ "The elders who are among you I [*Peter, the apostle*] exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away." (1st Peter 5:2-4)

15 Warns against deception, teaches that we need to love the truth

- ➔ "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption [*destruction*], but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart [*give up*]." (Galatians 6:7-9)
- ➔ "But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves... But he who looks into the perfect Law of Liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does." (James 1:22,25)

False teacher's side

14 His master is his wants, he is serving self - keeping his sin-nature comfortable

- ➔ "... whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly [*worldly ambitions*], and whose glory is in their shame--who set their mind on earthly things." (Philippians 3:19)
- ➔ "... [*false teachers are*] destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself [*get away from false teachers*]." (1st Timothy 6:5)
- ➔ "Then he [*the wicked and lazy servant*] who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his Lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents... And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" (Matthew 25:24-28,30)

15 Excuses deceptions, uses smooth pop-psychology and hypnotic speech

- ➔ "... with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved." (2nd Thessalonians 2:10)
- ➔ "A lying tongue hates those who are crushed by it, and a flattering mouth works ruin." (Proverbs 26:28)
- ➔ "But evil men and impostors [*wizards muttering spells*] will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." (2nd Timothy 3:13)

Bible teacher's side

16 Uses compelling words with Biblical definitions, letting God's Word teach

- ➔ "And they said to one another, 'Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?'" (Luke 24:32)
- ➔ "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Men and brethren, what shall we do?' Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission [forgiveness] of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit...'" (Acts 2:37-38)

17 Teaches about spiritual growth and obedience in the little details

- ➔ "Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful." (1st Corinthians 4:2)
- ➔ "For assuredly, I say to you, till Heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 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 5:18-20)
- ➔ "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon [material wealth], who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [material wealth]." (Luke 16:10-13)
- ➔ "... Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." (1st Corinthians 5:6-8)

False teacher's side

16 Uses grand, eloquent empty words, superficial meanings and conveniently changes definitions

- ➔ "For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error." (2nd Peter 2:18)
- ➔ "Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm." (1 Timothy 1:5-7)

17 Teaches that God is not worried about the details

- ➔ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin [herbs], and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness." (Matthew 23:23-28)
- ➔ "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death." (James 1:13-15)
- ➔ "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops." (Luke 12:1-3)

Bible teacher's side

18 Despises entertainment and distractions as idolatry; avoids ungodly use of TV, movies or music

- ➔ "... Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good." (Rom. 12:9)
- ➔ "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good [*your worldview is Scriptural*], your whole body will be full of light." (Matthew 6:22)
- ➔ "You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier." (2nd Timothy 2:3-4)
- ➔ "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make [*a way*] the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it." (1st Corinthians 10:13)
- ➔ "Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him." (James 1:12)

19 Lifestyle shows pattern of good fruit and training disciples of Christ

- ➔ "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit... Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me... If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." (John 15:2,4,7-8)
- ➔ "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering [*patience*], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23)

False teacher's side

18 Loves entertainment & worldly distractions which is his idolatry; active TV, quotes clips of ungodly movies & music as ideals for living

- ➔ "For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power [*His control*]. And from such people turn away [*get away from false teachers*]!" (2nd Timothy 3:2-5)
- ➔ "What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves as slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?" (Romans 6:15-16)
- ➔ "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness [*rebellion*]. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness [*what you take in*], how great is that darkness!" (Matthew 6:22)

19 Lifestyle shows pattern of bad fruit— he collects people with rebellious lifestyles (*tries to hide it and covers for them*)

- ➔ "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit... A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:43-46)
- ➔ "Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later. Likewise, the good works of some are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden." (1st Timothy 5:24-25)
- ➔ "Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' But he [*the servant*] answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.'" (Luke 13:7-9)

Bible teacher's side

20 Walks according to the Scriptures - the Holy Spirit convicts them to grow in obedience to the Word of God

- ➔ “For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.” (Romans 6:5-6)
- ➔ “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.” (Philippians 2:12-13)
- ➔ “For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally-minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.” (Romans 8:5-9)
- ➔ “He who says he abides in Him [*Jesus the Christ*] ought himself also to walk just as He walked.” (1st John 2:6)
- ➔ “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh... And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.” (Galatians 5:16,24)
- ➔ “Therefore, brethren, we are debtors--not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.” (Romans 8:12-14)

False teacher's side

20 Walks according to the rebellious flesh - pretends well on stage, but their off-stage and/or secret lifestyle is guided by their rebellious desires (*tries to hide it*)

- ➔ “Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek...” (Matthew 6:31-32)
- ➔ “For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for [*pleasing*] the flesh, but through love serve one another... I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.” (Galatians 5:13,16)
- ➔ “... then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed...” (2nd Peter 2:9-10)

Bible teacher's side

21 Eyes & mouth guarded to avoid sin against God & man; no foul humor; clear conscience

- ➔ "I have made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I look upon a young woman [*to lust*]?" (Job 31:1)
"Abstain from every form [*and appearance*] of evil."
(1st Thessalonians 5:22)
- ➔ "Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts." (Rom. 13:13-14)
- ➔ "Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God."
(Romans 6:11-13)
- ➔ "Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen [*known*] God." (3rd John 1:11)
- ➔ "O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge -- by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you.
Amen." (1st Timothy 6:20-21)

False teacher's side

21 Eyes and mouth secretly full of lust, their immoral humor exposes the secret thoughts; defiled conscience

- ➔ "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into Hell." (Matthew 5:28-29)
- ➔ "... having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children."
(2nd Peter 2:14)
- ➔ "Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God." (Galatians 5:19-21)

Bible teacher's side

22 Teaches a focus of obeying God in this life on the earth and persevering toward God's eternal Kingdom

➔ "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also [*there your heart already is*]."

(Matthew 6:19-20)

➔ "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory." (Colossians 3:2)

➔ "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a Heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them." (Hebrews 11:13-16)

➔ "Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." (2nd Timothy 4:8)

False teacher's side

22 Focused on Earthly happiness while the focus toward Heaven is considered trivial, they're confused and deceived on God's Judgment and eternal matters

➔ "... for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica..." (2 Tim. 4:10)

➔ "But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition." (1 Timothy 6:9-10)

➔ "... because as a flower of the field he [*the rich man*] will pass away. For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits." (James 1:10-11)

➔ "And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.' Then He said to another, 'Follow Me.' But he said, 'Lord, let me first go and bury my father [*and get my inheritance*].' Jesus said to him, 'Let the [*spiritually*] dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the Kingdom of God.' And another also said, 'Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house.' But Jesus said to him, 'No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God.'" (Lk. 9:57-62)

➔ "Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: 'You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings,' says the LORD. 'But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.'" (Jeremiah 23:2-3)

➔ "... knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.'..." (2nd Peter 3:3-8)

Bible teacher's side

23 Warns others against loving the passing pleasures and things of this world - teaching that if we love God properly, then there is no room for loving sin.

➡ “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”
(1st John 2:15-17)

➡ “Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask of God. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. [Spiritual] Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.. ‘The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously?’” (James 4:1-5)

False teacher's side

23 Approving everyone to love this world's pleasures, and distorts the Scriptures to make it appear acceptable

➡ “But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.” (Jude 1:17-19)

➡ “For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles--when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation [iniquity], speaking evil of you. They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.”
(1st Peter 4:3-5)

“Jesus answered them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not ➡ abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.’” (John 8:34-36)

Bible teacher's side

24 When confronted in sin: confesses, repents and genuine change follows

- ➔ “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1st John 1:9)
- ➔ Peter - “But Peter [*denying Christ*] said, ‘Man, I do not know what you are saying!’ Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, ‘Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.’ So Peter went out and wept bitterly.” (Luke 22:60-62)
- ➔ David - “Then Nathan said to David, ‘You are the [*guilty*] man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: “I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul... Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have murdered him with the sword of the people of Ammon... So David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the LORD.’...” (2nd Samuel 12:7-13)
- ➔ (see also David's sorrowful repentance for his sin: Psalm 32:1-5, Psalm 51:1-4)
- ➔ “Many who had believed came confessing [*their sins*] and telling their deeds. Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the Word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.” (Acts 19:18-20)

False teacher's side

24 When confronted about practicing sin: ignores, covers and blames others, and adjusts his Sunday act and tries to hide better

- ➔ “He who covers his sins will not prosper [*spiritually*], but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13)
- ➔ “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” (1John 1:8)
- ➔ “Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him [*Jesus*] heard these words, and said to Him, ‘Are we blind also?’ Jesus said to them, ‘If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, “We see.” Therefore your sin remains.’” (John 9:40-41)
- ➔ >Ananias and his wife sold land, kept back part of it but pretended to give all of it to appear spiritual<<
- ➔ “But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet [*telling Peter that he was giving all of the money*]. But Peter said, ‘Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.’ Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things.” (Acts 5:1-5)

Bible teacher's side

25 Keeps himself accountable to his wife, and keeps close communication with others who fear the Lord

➡ “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither...” (Psalm 1:1-4)

➡ “... that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you-- if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife...” (1st Timothy 3:7)

[God-fearing, genuine believers, gathering to study God's Word, outside brand-name “churches”]

➡ “... exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25)

➡ “And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight-- if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under Heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister. ..” (Colossians 1:23)

➡ “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10)

False teacher's side

25 Slick to avoid accountability, promotes wrong and corrupted agendas, and surrounds himself with enablers who approve and promote them

➡ “If a ruler pays attention to lies, all his servants become wicked.” (Proverbs 29:12)

➡ “Do not be deceived: ‘Evil company corrupts good habits [moral structure].’” (1st Corinthians 15:33)

➡ “An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous, and he who is upright in the way [of the Lord] is an abomination to the wicked.” (Proverbs 29:27)

➡ “... for everyone is a hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. For all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand is stretched out still.” (Isaiah 9:17)

➡ “For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.” (John 3:20)

➡ “But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.” (James 3:14-16)

Bible teacher's side

- 26 Warns to flee the many flavors of idolatry. Scriptures define idolatry as a heart spending time, energy and enthusiasm on selfish desires and pride. And, Scripture also explains that idolatry includes when we covet something, someone, or a pleasure that we don't have or are proud of something we do have.
- ➔ "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment." (Mark 12:30)
 - "Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked, when you lived in them." (Colossians 3:5-7)
 - ➔ "Little children, keep yourselves [away] from idols. Amen." (1st John 5:21)
- 27 Prays fervently and regularly, and grows in self-control to spiritually carry what he prays for
- ➔ "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit." (1st Thessalonians 5:15-19)
 - ➔ "Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me..." (Romans 15:30)
 - ➔ "But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious [sober-minded] and watchful [self-controlled] in your prayers." (1st Peter 4:7)
 - ➔ "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high [lofty] thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and [God is] being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled [mature]." (2nd Corinthians 10:3-6)
 - ➔ "... [Jesus] who, in the days of His flesh [incarnation], when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear..." (Hebrews 5:7)

False teacher's side

- 26 Excuses almost all idolatry, except for 'major ones'; says that God just wants to be 'first on the list of important things in your life'
- ➔ "And Jesus answered and said to him, 'Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve."'" (Luke 4:8)
 - ➔ "The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power; and My people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end?" (Jeremiah 5:31) -
 - >>False teachers are always popular.<<
- ➔ "Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal [idols], and walk after other gods whom you do not know, and then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, "We are delivered to do all these abominations?" Has this house [Jewish Temple], which is called by My name, become a den of thieves in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it,' says the LORD." (Jeremiah 7:8-11)
- 27 He pretends to pray to God publicly, but he has rejected God, so his prayer is an acting script; he is not seeking God's guidance for what he's doing because he's rejected the Scriptures, & he is knowingly disobeying Scriptures
- ➔ "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward." (Matthew 6:5)
 - ➔ "These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest [storm], for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever." (2nd Peter 2:17)
 - [Get away from false teachers]
 - ➔ "But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries [*tefillin] broad and enlarge the borders of their garments..." (Matthew 23:5)
- [* 'Phylacteries' is what the Jewish people today call 'tefillin' and it's the little boxes with Scripture that the orthodox tie onto their arms]

Bible teacher's side

28 Values the gospel enough to share the gospel, and disciple others with Jesus' teachings to fulfill his role in God's harvest

- ➔ "Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, 'This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.'" (Acts 17:2-3)
- ➔ "For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God." (1st Thessalonians 2:9)
- ➔ "But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." (2nd Timothy 4:5)
- ➔ "And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh." (Jude 1:22-23)
- ➔ "'Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo [see], I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen." (Matthew 28:19-20)
- ➔ "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses [damnation: judgment for sin] to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God." (2nd Corinthians 5:17-20)

False teacher's side

28 Doesn't do the true work of the ministry or evangelism or discipleship - church is his 9am-5pm acting job. Promotes numbers' growth and temporal activities as important goals.

- ➔ "For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:21)
- ➔ "By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber." (2nd Peter 2:3)
- >> These next four passages are the apostle Paul teaching why to be very slow to ordain someone as pastor <<
 - ➔ "... not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil." (1st Timothy 3:6-7)
 - ➔ "For we are not, as so many, peddling the Word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ." (2nd Corinthians 2:17)
 - ➔ "For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state [condition]. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:20-21)
 - ➔ "Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure." (1st Timothy 5:22)

Bible teacher's side

29 Takes Scriptures literally - as Jesus did, not as an allegory or story for self-interpretation

➡ “My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.”

(James 3:1)

➡ “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star [*Jesus*] rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

(2nd Peter 1:19-21)

➡ “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God [*God-breathed*], and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete [*mature*], thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

(2nd Timothy 3:16-17)

False teacher's side

29 Allegorizes God's Word to be fables, poems, and stories, even treating it like folklore & legends - forgetting that God's Word is fact. Jesus took His Word literally, and they will be held accountable

➡ “Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.” (Proverbs 30:6)

➡> God warns not to listen to false teachers and false prophets <<<

➡ “Thus says the Lord of Hosts: ‘Do not listen to the words of the [*false*] prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; they speak a vision of their own [*self-centered*] heart, not from the mouth of the LORD...” (Jeremiah 23:16)

➡ “For this they willfully forget: that by the Word of God the Heavens were of old... being flooded with water. But the Heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same Word, are reserved for fire until the Day of Judgment and perdition of ungodly men...” (2nd Peter 3:5-13)

➡ “For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.” (Revelation 22:18-19)

Bible teacher's side

30 Understands the use of the law of God & Jesus' teachings to bring conviction on unsaved & to show their need for a Savior

➔ "Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith." (Gal. 3:24) See also: Psalm 19:7

➔ "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, 'You shall not covet.'" (Romans 7:7)

➔ "But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully [*condemning our sin and good works*], knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine..." (1st Timothy 1:8-9)

➔ "... for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)..." (Romans 2:15)

➔ "Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. As it is written: 'There is none righteous, no, not one'" (Romans 3:9-10)

➔ "Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin." (Romans 3:19-20)

➔ "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)..." (Ephesians 2:1-5)

➔ "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin." (Romans 4:7-8)

False teacher's side

30 Minimizes and explains away or avoids the law of God, emphasizes good works to cultivate relationships to build a better temporal future - doctrines of demons

➔ "Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered." (Luke 11:52)

➔ "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the Book of the Law, to do them.' But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for 'the just shall live by faith.'" (Galatians 3:10-11)

➔ "Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets." (Luke 6:26)

➔ "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron..." (1st Timothy 4:1-3)

>>Those who listen to these let go of the truths that they do have<<

➔ "For whoever has [*and values it*], to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have [*does not value the truth he does have*], even what he [*thinks he*] has will be taken away from him." (Matthew 13:12)

➔ "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God..." (Hebrews 5:12)

Bible teacher's side

31 Teaches that we are under the law of Christ to learn to follow in His ways, out of love for Christ (eternal purpose)

- ➔ “For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.” (Romans 6:14)
- ➔ “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Romans 12:2)
 - ➔ “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.” (1st John 5:3)
- ➔ “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- ➔ “... But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” (Hebrews 5:12-14)
- ➔ “Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.” (Romans 13:10)
- ➔ “For whoever shall keep the whole law (perfect, never sinned), and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all... So speak, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.” (James 2:10 & 12)
- ➔ “For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another... I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.” (Galatians 5:13 & 16)
 - ➔ “By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.” (1John 5:2)
 - ➔ “And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.” (1st John 3:22)
 - ➔ “... but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.” (Matthew 5:19)
 - ➔ “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.” (Revelation 22:14)

False teacher's side

31 Teaches that we are not under the law, and that we can use our liberties to abuse God's grace and they teach that “it's all forgiven”, and to follow our heart and wants, and to be guided by “love” (temporal feelings)

- ➔ “The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.” (Romans 8:7)
- ➔ “For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.” (Romans 7:5)
- ➔ “For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law...” (Romans 2:12)
- ➔ “... If the dead do not rise, ‘Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!’” (1st Corinthians 15:32)
- ➔ “And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” (Luke 12:19-21)
- ➔ “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.” (1st John 3:4)
- ➔ “And why not say, ‘Let us do evil that good may come’? - as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their condemnation is just.” (Romans 3:8)
- ➔ “If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.” (James 1:26)
- ➔ “If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1st Peter 4:11)

Bible teacher's side

32 Lives obediently in the fear of the Lord, and is persevering in seeking approval from Christ not the approval of man

- ➡ “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” (Heb. 11:6)
- ➡ “Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.” (Acts 9:31)
- ➡ “The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.” (Prov. 29:25)
- ➡ “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.” (Heb. 12:28)
- ➡ “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding... Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and depart from evil.” (Proverbs 3:5-7)
- ➡ “Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” (2 Corinthians 7:1)
- ➡ “And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: ‘My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; for whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.’ If you endure chastening [*hardships in life*], God deals with you as with sons... Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?” (Hebrews 12:5-9)
- ➡ “But Peter and John answered and said to them, ‘Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.’” (Acts 4:19-20)
- ➡ “Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.” (1st Corinthians 4:5)

False teacher's side

32 Despises the healthy fear of the Lord, loves the praises of men, and loves sin

- ➡ “He who despises the word [*commandment of the Lord*] will be destroyed, but he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.” (Proverbs 13:13)
- ➡ “But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!” (Luke 12:5)
- ➡ “For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.” (2nd Peter 1:9)
- ➡ “They continually say to those who despise Me, ‘The LORD has said, “You shall have peace”’; and to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, “No evil shall come upon you.”’” (Jeremiah 23:17)
- ➡ “He who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD, but he who is perverse in his ways despises Him [*the Lord*].” (Proverbs 14:2)
- ➡ “... for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.” (John 12:43)
- ➡ “‘Their throat is an open tomb; with their tongues they have practiced deceit’; ‘The poison of asps is under their lips’... Destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes.” (Romans 3:13, 16-18)

Bible teacher's side

33 Teaches believers to live separate from the world, yet reaching out with Jesus' message of repentance and obedient faith

➡ “And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: ‘I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.’ Therefore ‘Come out from among them and be separate’, says the Lord. ‘Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters’, says the LORD Almighty. Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

(2nd Corinthians 6:16-7:1)

➡ “For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men -- as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.” (1st Peter 2:15-16)

➡ “This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck...” (1st Timothy 1:18-19)

False teacher's side

33 Teaches that you have to become one of the world to “win” them to Christ, and to not be different so we can reduce Jesus to be ‘relevant’ to man

➡ “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9)

➡ “... the diviners envision lies, and tell false dreams; they comfort in vain. Therefore the people went their way like sheep; they are in trouble because there is no shepherd.” (Zechariah 10:2)

➡ “... so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen...” (Romans 1:20-25)

➡ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full, for you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.” (Luke 6:24-26)

➡ “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot... I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'--and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked...'”

(Revelation 3:15-17)

Bible teacher's side

- 34 Honorable Bible teachers believe God's Word, receive instruction from God's Word by faith, & then keep growing in that direction, toward maturity, fruitfulness & eternal life
- ➡ "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. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2Pet.1:5-8)
 - ➡ "This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him..." (2nd Timothy 2:11-12)
 - ➡ "Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; lest there be any fornicator or profane person..." (Hebrews 12:14-16)
 - ➡ "Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him." (James 1:12)
 - ➡ "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, while it is said: 'Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.'" (Hebrews 3:7-12)
 - ➡ "... conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." (1st Peter 1:17-19)
 - ➡ "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." (Galatians 6:9)
 - ➡ "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure." (Philippians 2:12-13)
 - ➡ "Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2nd Peter 1:10-11)

False teacher's side

- 34 False teachers reconsider the cost of following Christ, then fall away from where they started and progressively pursue evil instead, whose end is destruction
- ➡ "When anyone hears the Word of the Kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful." (Matthew 13:19-22)
 - ➡ "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death." (James 1:13-15)
 - ➡ "Because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold." (Matthew 24:12)
 - ➡ "For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries... Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord. And again, 'The LORD will judge His people.' It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living [holy] God." (Hebrews 10:26-31)
 - ➡ "But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed." (2nd Peter 2:1-2)
 - ➡ "For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them." (2nd Peter 2:20-21)

Bible teacher's side

35 Directs the glory to God. God is the One doing the work, through faithful messengers

- ➔ “Jesus answered them and said, ‘My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.’” (John 7:16-18)
- ➔ “John [*the Baptizer*] answered and said, ‘A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from Heaven... He [*Jesus*] must increase, but I must decrease...” (John 3:27 & 30)
- ➔ “Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, how he has been made well, let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth... Whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.’” (Acts 4:8-10)
- ➔ “By Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His Name.” (Heb. 13:5)
- ➔ “For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What is my reward then? That when I preach the gospel, I may present the gospel of Christ without charge, that I may not abuse my authority in the gospel. For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more...” (1st Corinthians 9:16-19)
- ➔ “Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.” (Galatians 1:3-5)
- ➔ “May the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.” (Hebrews 3:20-21)
- ➔ “Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us spreads the fragrance of His knowledge in every place...” (2nd Corinthians 2:14-17)

False teacher's side

35 Welcomes glory for himself and accolades for his accomplishments, building his own kingdom

- ➔ “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... Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte [*disciple*], and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of Hell as yourselves.” (Matthew 23:13,15) [Get away from false teachers]
- ➔ “I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us.” (3rd John 1:9)
- ➔ “They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error.” (1st John 4:5,6)
- ➔ “But Jesus called them to Himself and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.’” (Matthew 20:25-26)
- ➔ “I Am the LORD, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to carved images.” (Isaiah 42:8)
- ➔ “Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men -- extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to Heaven, but beat his chest, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’” (Luke 18:9-13)

Bible teacher's side

- 36 Teaches believers how to handle persecution that we receive when we're sincerely living godly for Christ Jesus
- ➔ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in Heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matt. 5:10-12)
 - ➔ "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you." (John 15:18)
 - ➔ "Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren... By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." (1st John 3:13-16)
 - ➔ "We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed-- always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body..." (2Corin. 4:8-12)
 - ➔ "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse... Therefore 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.'" (Romans 12:14 & 20)
 - ➔ "I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear." (Philip. 1:12-14)
 - ➔ "I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do." (Luke 12:4)
 - ➔ "But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions... And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." (2Tim 3:10-13)

False teacher's side

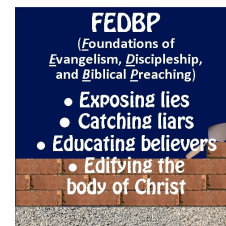
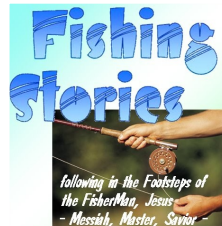
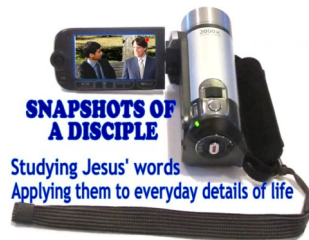
- 36 Joins those who persecute genuine followers of Christ, mocks true discipleship of Christ and scoffs at sin
- ➔ "... but it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil." (Proverbs 13:19)
 - ➔ "Fools mock at sin, but among the upright there is favor." (Proverbs 14:9)
 - ➔ "They scoff and speak wickedly concerning oppression; They speak loftily... and they say, 'How does God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?'..." (Psalm 73:8, 11)
 - ➔ "... how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts." (Jude 1:18)
 - ➔ "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 5:20-21)
 - ➔ "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his Master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My Word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.' But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning." (John 15:18-27)

About the writers, editors and compilers of this study:

Greetings from the Henry family! We are a family ministry that works full-time, and tries to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in homes and on the streets as our schedule allows. We have also lived in central Florida for many years and have met and/or become familiar with the local teachers and pastors in many of the church gatherings in the area. In our travels, we have met many false teachers who in conversation prove to highly value money and things they can get out of life and doing what seems good according to their own plan, with not as much attention to the Word of God or people. And, from those observations, we've been able to do other false teacher reports, and we intend to keep doing them. Why? We want to be a part of the team that helps Christians sharpen their spiritual eyesight and be able to identify false teaching and false teachers more quickly, and to be able to discern the difference between a growing Christian leader who doesn't have all of his doctrine right (yet), in contrast to a false teacher who intentionally refuses to teach the whole counsel of God's Word - only teaching what itching ears want to hear, even when it clearly contradicts Scripture.

You can find other ministry materials on our website: www.incpu.org

And you can find a few of our pages on Facebook as well:



Snapshots of a Disciple - www.facebook.com/pages/Snapshots-of-a-Disciple/140793325968043

Snapshot Designs - www.facebook.com/pages/Snapshot-Designs/192218270813694

Fishing Stories - www.facebook.com/pages/Fishing-Stories-Conversations-about-eternity/163625243690281

FEDBP - www.facebook.com/pages/FEDBP/201110539903466

INCPU - www.facebook.com/pages/INCPU/190658197618234

About this study:

We would like to make a case for how we have used Scripture as the authority within this document. You will notice that we have only quoted Scripture below each heading. There are no quotes from other sources. We wanted our case against false teachers to be completely built on the text of Scriptures and let God's Word speak for itself. Similarly, we wanted our picture of a true Bible-teacher to be built on the picture and examples in Scripture. We believe that as a believer understands the whole of the Scriptures, it allows their world-view picture to come in clearer. God has been quite clear about the differences between true disciples of Christ and those who fall away or never were saved. He was even more clear about wolves and liars who try to capture His flock in comparison to Himself and his disciples who were the ultimate picture of the church on this earth. It is easier for our family to make a case about a local false teacher or about an internationally-known false teacher because of experience and much time spent in studying the Word of God. We have been walking among the chaos of these false teachers from a very close distance and for a very long time. But we have found it to be difficult for a younger believer to make their own case study because they have not heard or learned many of these Scriptures well. So we, as a family, have a heart for equipping believers to study the Word of God for themselves on these topics, so that they can see clearly. A large part of seeing clearly can only take place as believers remove sin and selfish guides and motives and an immense amount of worldly influence in this life. We have not made this the focus of this document, but you will see a strong thread of need for repentance, rejecting the ways of this world, denying yourself, and taking up your cross daily. I'm sure that as people read this they will feel conviction about their own lives. This is good, because you can only see clearly about others as you remove the sin from your own life. Luke 11 says: **"The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. Therefore, take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light."** (Luke 11:34-36) And Matthew 7 says: **"And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."** (Matthew 7:3-5) [*emphasis added*]

We wanted to make a solid Scriptural picture of a faithful Bible teacher. We pray that the church will set aside the indoctrination of higher learning and degrees as the guide for recognizing a true Bible teacher. Knowledge puffs up and many spiritual leaders have knowledge but many spiritual leaders have also rejected being obedient and being a bond-servant to Jesus Christ. Can you tell the difference? These have a form of godliness but deny its power. They reject the work of the Holy Spirit on the world, which is explained in John 16 **"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment; of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."** John 16:7-11 So whereas many of these spiritual leaders have much knowledge and learning, they reject obedience and turn many away from salvation. Do not listen to them. Stay away from these false teachers. We hope that believers will have their eyes trained to see obedient leaders rather than knowledgeable leaders only. We pray that true Christians will reject money-driven churches and self-seeking leaders and their agendas. We pray that true believers will reject churches that are acceptable by the world's standards and who are controlled by the government because of their 501C3 corporate status. We pray that believers will rebuild the body of Christ with fellowship between true believers who obey and love the Word of God. We pray that believers will see past the divisiveness of this world's "church" system to divide believers, and instead bond together in the Oneness of Christ and a common bond in love of obedience and service to Christ.