

# ‘Churchy’ Bad Guys (part 2)

Peter’s warnings about false teachers 2 Peter 2:2-3 Chris Mueller 1-26-2020

## Introduction:

**2 Peter 2:1-3** But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

## #0 Churchy bad guys—you are their E\_\_\_\_\_

**1a** But false prophets

**Titus 1:10-11** For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain.

## #1 Churchy bad guys—their evil E\_\_\_\_\_

**1a** But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you

**Titus 1:9b** ...must be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

## #2 Churchy bad guys—their evil E\_\_\_\_\_

**1b** who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves

**Jude 4** ...creeping in unnoticed.

**EVERYONE** = Arminian theology

**ELECT** = Calvinistic theology

## #3 Churchy bad guys—their evil E\_\_\_\_\_

**2** Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned

**Matthew 7:13-14** Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

**Matthew 7:21** Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, "Lord, Lord...in Your name, and in Your name...and in Your name..." And then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness."

**Jude 4** They turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**John Philips** A lascivious person is one who has abandoned all restraint and revels in indecent behavior. Sodomy, bestiality, and pornography are the final expressions of such abandonment of all morals. Peter has in mind *the shameless conduct* of apostate teachers who, having abandoned the truth, soon endorse as *normal* the most foul and filthy lifestyles imaginable.

## #4 Churchy bad guys—their evil E\_\_\_\_\_

**3a** *and in their greed, they will exploit you with false words*

**Micah 3:11** Her leaders pronounce judgment for a bribe, Her priests instruct for a price and her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean on the Lord saying, "Is not the Lord in our midst? Calamity will not come upon us."

**Luke 10:7** The laborer is worthy of his wages.

**2 Corinthians 2:17** ...peddle the word of God for profit.

## #5 Churchy bad guys—their evil E\_\_\_\_\_

**3b** *their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep*

**Rejecting false teachers and their teachings is loving Christ's Church and His Word**

### TAKE HOME:

**A – Start learning the difference between the \_\_\_\_\_ and the faithful**

**B – Check your \_\_\_\_\_ concerning Christ's Lordship**

**Luke 6:46** Why do you call Me, "Lord, Lord," and do not do what I say?

**Matthew 15:8** This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me.

**Titus 1:16** They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him.

**C – Practice living as if every \_\_\_\_\_ mattered**

**Philippians 2:15** Prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world.

**D – Continue to grow in Christlike \_\_\_\_\_ and biblical CONFIDENCE**

### QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Why are false teachers sneaky, and how can godly believers expose them in their midst?
2. Why are many (though not all) false teachers given to sensuality?
3. Why are many false teachers known for their greed? Why is greed such an issue today? How do believers identify greed in their life?
4. Why does God reassure believers that he will judge false teachers?
5. What steps does each Christian need to take against false teachers and for truth?
6. How can a church make it difficult for a false teacher to flourish in its midst?

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