

How Bad Are They? (Part 1)

False teachers are outwardly impressive, but inwardly evil **2 Peter 2:10-11** Chris Mueller 2-23-2020

Introduction:

1 Peter 1:22-23 *Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart. For you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God. BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.*

1 Peter 2:2 *Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.*

2 Peter 1:19 *So we have the prophetic word made more sure.*

Memorize **Acts 4:12** *There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.*

Memorize **Psalms 119:9** *How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your Word.*

Memorize **John 3:3** *Jesus...said..."Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

1 Peter 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

False teachers OPPOSE God's character with their bad morality, OPPOSE God's truth with their errant teaching, OPPOSE God's mission with their false priorities and OPPOSE God's heart with their evil desires.

2 Peter 2:9-11 *Then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the Day of Judgment, and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties, whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.*

#1 Their P_____

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Proverbs 21:24 ESV *"Scoffer" is the name of the arrogant, haughty man who acts with arrogant pride.*

Romans 13:1 *For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.*

Jude 1:8-9 *Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties. But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"*

TAKE HOME

A – Take _____ seriously

Proverbs 6:16-19 *There are six things which the LORD hates, yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil, a false witness who utters lies, and one who spreads strife among brothers.*

B – Be motivated by the _____ of sin

Proverbs 22:8 *He who sows iniquity will reap vanity.*

Hosea 8:7 *For they sow the wind and they reap the whirlwind.*

Job 4:8 *Those who sow trouble harvest it.*

Numbers 32:23 *Be sure your sin will find you out.*

1 Corinthians 6:18 *Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.*

C – Evaluate your _____ to authority

Ephesians 5:21 *And be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.*

D – Turn to Christ in salvation and _____ on the Spirit in sanctification

Acts 20:21 *Solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.*

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. What kind of ways do false teachers manifest indulging their flesh and their desires?
2. How do false teachers demonstrate that they despise authority?
3. How would you identify a false teacher by their arrogant pride?
4. Authentic preachers and genuine elders are imperfect people and manifest negative qualities at times. How can you tell them apart from those who are false teachers?
5. Why is submission to authority so important to the Lord God?
6. How can you tell when a believer is taking sin seriously, and how do you know when they are presuming on God's grace?
7. What kind of steps do you need to take so that you will take sin more seriously in your life without becoming a legalist?
8. What does it look like when a believer continues to repent of sin and continues to live by faith in Christ?

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