

Beware of False Teachers

Doing What Jesus Did – Part 9

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1 Timothy 4:1-2 (ESV) Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared,

Matthew 7:15 (ESV) “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

Matthew 7:16 (ESV) You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

1. Who focus on _____ rules

Luke 11:38-39 (ESV) The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash before dinner. And the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness.

Luke 11:40 (ESV) You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also?

Luke 11:41 (ESV) But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you.

2. Who put themselves _____ others

Luke 11:42 (ESV) “But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.

Luke 11:43-44 (ESV) Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without knowing it.”

Luke 11:45-46 (ESV) One of the lawyers answered him, “Teacher, in saying these things you insult us also.” And he said, “Woe to you lawyers also! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

3. Who _____ true teachers

Luke 11:47-48 (ESV) Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your fathers killed. So you are witnesses and you consent to the deeds of your fathers, for they killed them, and you build their tombs.

Luke 11:49-50 (ESV) Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,’ so that the blood of all the prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation,

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

Luke 11:53-54 (ESV) As he went away from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press him hard and to provoke him to speak about many things, lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

Weekly Healing Scripture

Romans 8:11 (ESV) If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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Intro. What are some characteristics of false teachers (1 Timothy 4:1-2)?

Why are false prophets hard to detect (Matthew 7:15)?

What kind of fruit will enable you to detect a false teacher (Matthew 7:16)?

How do false teachers use the Bible to make their false teachings seem true?

1A. Why do you think Jesus was so stern with the Pharisees (Luke 11:38-39)?

1B. How should the Pharisees have focused on the inward, rather than the outward (Luke 11:40)?

1C. How can dealing with the internal affect the external (Luke 11:41)?

1D. What are some ways that people today are tempted to focus on the external rather than the internal?

2A. Although the Pharisees were commended as tithers, what had they been neglecting (Luke 11:42)?

2B. What was the sin of the Pharisees that Jesus was pointing out in Luke 11:43-44)?

2C. What kind of burdens did the lawyers put on people with their rules (Luke 11:45-46)?

2D. How can we become deceived into thinking that our relationship with God is based solely on the things that we do?

3A. Why were so many of God's prophets killed by the people of Israel (Luke 11:47-48)?

3B. How would the Jewish leaders continue the ungodly behavior of their ancestors (Luke 11:49-50)?

3C. What is the key of knowledge that Jesus is talking about in Luke 11:52?

3D. In what ways did the Pharisees reactions to Jesus' words show their true motives (Luke 11:53-54)?

3E. How can you become more discerning of false teaching?