

Beware of False Prophets

Matthew 7:15-20

1. Beware of Non-_____:

Matthew 7:15 "Watch out for false prophets.

False prophets is a common theme in the Old Testament. (cf. Deut. 13; 18; Jer. 6:13-15; 8:8-12; Ezek. 13; 22:27; Zeph 3:4).

2. A Deceptive _____:

... They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

A) World _____ as False Prophecy:

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

B) The _____ Movement as False Prophecy:

John 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

C) False Teaching Because of Cultural _____ within the Local Church:

2 Timothy 4:1-4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

3. Fruit _____:

Matthew 7:16-18 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus said "No one is good—except God alone. - Mark 10:18

A prophet or teacher can only produce good works through continual _____ with _____.

Matthew 7:19-20 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Next Steps for Growth:

I want to begin to follow Jesus today.

I want to be contacted by a pastor.

I want to be baptized.

I would like to be a part of the service setup ministry

I want to become a member.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Change my contact info

Mailing Address: _____

I am a: 1st time guest 2nd time guest Regular Attendee Member (taken membership class & committed to membership covenant)