

2 Peter 2

How can we recognize false teachers? Peter gives us 20 clues to help us understand when we are exposed to false teachers.

- 1) *They "will secretly bring in destructive heresies" (vs 1).*
 - a. Their teachings are destructive _____ that contradict the truth of the Scriptures
 - b. Their teachings may not _____ be false, but there is enough false teaching that is destructive to the human soul.
 - c. Peter called their teachings "damnable"-that which brings destruction and ruin
- 2) *They will even deny the Lord (vs 1)*
 - a. They reject and _____ the only One who has the power to deliver them from the destruction to which they are headed
 - b. "Even deny"-shows the arrogance and pride with which they function. They _____ display their denial of the Lord.
- 3) *"They will exploit you with deceptive words" (vs 3)*
 - a. They use people for their _____ desires and advancement
 - b. They only see people as a "_____ to an end"
 - c. They are very deceptive in the way they operate so as to make people feel they are of _____ and needed.
- 4) *They "walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness" (vs 10)*
 - a. "The flesh"-denotes mere human nature, the earthly nature of man apart from divine influence, and therefore _____ to sin and opposed to God
 - b. They are controlled by their own lust which Scripture called uncleanness
 - c. "Uncleanness"-_____
- 5) *They "despise authority" (vs 10)*
 - a. _____-to have contempt, despise, disdain, think little or nothing of
 - b. Government-anyone or any office that has authority _____ them
- 6) *They are presumptuous" (vs 10)*
 - a. Presumptuous-bold and daring [NTO]
 - b. Self-will will produce a daring spirit
- 7) *They are "self-willed" (vs 10)*
 - a. They have a will of their own and don't plan to allow anyone to tell them what to do
 - b. Self _____ and arrogant
- 8) *They "speak evil of the things they do not understand" (vs 12)*
 - a. Being _____ spiritually by their own bold, arrogant sinful attitude toward Christ (Cf. #2)
 - b. They are _____ to speak evil of truth when exposed to it
- 9) *They carouse "in their own deceptions" (vs 13)*
 - a. Sporting themselves-to live in _____, live delicately or luxuriously, to revel in
 - b. They like to be around people and have people _____ them
 - c. They like being entertained by and with other people, and are not so restrictive to the people they hang out with as long as the entertainment is going the way they _____
- 10) *Their eyes are "full of adultery" (vs 14)*
 - a. They are _____ in their thinking and use their eyes to help gratify their immorality
 - b. They may look good on the outside but their ultimate intention is _____
- 11) *Their eyes never cease from sinning (vs 14)*
 - a. Cannot cease-unable to _____ because they are controlled by their sinful ways
 - b. Sin-Gk. hamartia-shooting at a mark but missing it

- 12) *They entice "unstable souls" (vs 14)*
- Entice-to _____ by using bait
 - Unstable souls-Peter references _____ beings who are not firmly established in the faith
 - False teachers are looking for people who are _____ but are spiritually ignorant that they can use by feeding them religious _____ that the spiritually ignorant like to hear.
- 13) *"They have a heart trained in covetous practices" (vs 14)*
- Heart-the seat of the emotion; that which controls the _____
 - Exercised-a physical reference to an _____ practice; to work out to make strong
 - Covetous practices-Their exercise program is geared to make them more _____
- 14) *They "are accursed children" (vs 14)*
- Cursed-_____ and wicked
 - Children-a word used by Peter to show that he still sees them with a compassionate heart-they are eternal souls that have been _____ by God
- 15) *"They have forsaken the right way and gone astray" (vs 15)*
- They have know the truth but have willingly _____ the lie over the truth.
 - Forsaken-to _____ or leave away
- 16) *They "are wells without water" (vs 17)*
- They make promises to offer satisfaction that lasts but they _____ fulfill their promises
 - Jeremiah 2:12-13 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD. 13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.
- 17) *They are "clouds carried by a tempest" (vs 17)*
- Clouds-a reference to Israel's being lead by the cloud by day which was God Himself
 - Carried by a tempest-a _____ breaking forth from black thunder clouds in furious gusts, with floods of rain, and throwing everything topsy-turvy
- 18) *They speak great swelling words of emptiness" (vs 18)*
- They are great with their _____
 - Great swelling words of vanity-extravagant words that are _____ of truth
- 19) *They allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. (vs 18)*
- Allure through the lusts of the flesh-_____ by appealing to the uncontrolled desires of the sinful nature
 - Much wantonness-false teachers _____ the depravity part of humanity to gain what they are seeking after by using weak people
 - Those that were clean escaped from them who live in error-people who had gotten free of the influence of the false teachers are _____ back into that which they had broken clean from
 - With an appeal to twisted sexual desires, they lure back into sin those who have barely escaped from a lifestyle of _____.
- 20) *They promise liberty but are themselves slaves of corruption (vs 19)*