

## Beware of Twisted Teachers

Christianity: Learning to Live

2 Peter 2

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### Learn to Discern!

1. False teachers are **destroyers** (verses 1-3) They are characterized by:
  - a. Deception:
    - i. Their **message** is deceptive (verse 1)
    - ii. Their **methods** are deceptive (verse 1)
    - iii. Their **words** are deceptive – (verse 3)
    - iv. Their methods are **successful** (verse 2)
  - b. **Denial**: (verse 2)
    - i. They deny his **Lordship**
    - ii. They deny his sacrifice
  - c. **Desire** – covetous exploitation. (verse 3) also 1 Peter 5:2;  
*1 Th 2:5*
2. False teachers are **degenerate** (verses 10-16)
3. False teachers are **devious** (verses 17-20)
  - a. They make **empty promises** (verse 17)
  - b. They lure people by **legitimizing** their lusts – (verse 18)
  - c. They offer liberty but deliver **slavery** (verse 19)
4. False teachers are **doomed** (verses 4-9; 21-22) Why?
  - a. Their **profession** was false - they had external reform but no internal regeneration (verse 20)
  - b. Their preference was **fatal** – They chose the way of the world instead of the way of righteousness. (verse 21)

*Mt 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. **22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!***'

Remember: **Test** the Prophet but **trust** the Prophecy

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