

Kingdom Citizens –The Sermon on the Mount-Lesson 19
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“Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 So then, you will know them by their fruits. --Matthew 7:15-20

Day 1—Verse 15

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

1. Verses 15-20 contain the second word picture of the choice that Jesus is calling his listeners to make. How does this passage connect to the first one about the narrow and broad ways?

2. Define beware.

3. What is a false prophet?

4. Why are we to beware of false prophets? How dangerous are they?

5. What does it mean that they are in sheep's clothing?

a. Is it easy to spot a false teacher? Why or why not?

6. Why do you think that there are so many false teachers? Why is it so easy for them to infiltrate the Church?

Heart check:

- How discerning are you when it comes to the teachers that you listen to?
- Are you currently listening to false teaching? Is there anyone that you listen to that you need to stop listening to?

5. What leaves a believer open to being deceived by false teachers?

a. What kinds of content do women typically gravitate to?

6. What can believers do to guard themselves against false teachers and their teaching?

a. Why do women need to be especially careful?

7. Why do you think tools like media, especially podcasts, need to be listened to with extra care when it comes to false teaching?

e. 2 Peter 2:2-3, 10, 19

What do these verses say about what he teaches?

a. Jeremiah 23:16-17

b. Matthew 12:34-35

c. Matthew 24:24

d. Acts 20:29-30

e. Colossians 2:8

f. 1 Timothy 6: 3-5

g. Titus 1:11

h. 2 Peter 2:1

What do these verses tell us about those who follow him?

a. Jeremiah 5:31, 23:16-17

b. 2 Tim. 4:3-4

c. 2 Peter 2:2

What is missing in the Character of a false teacher?

a. In their creed?

b. In their converts?

Day 4—Verse 17-19

So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. --Matthew 7:17-19

1. Is there a difference between a false teacher and a teacher who differs from us in his teaching?
2. What is good fruit in the life of a believer? Use Scripture to support your answer.
3. From 1 Timothy 3:1-7 what does a true teacher look like?
4. Read Matthew 12:33-37. According to this passage what reveals whether we are bearing good fruit or bad fruit?
5. How does Psalm 1 describe someone who bears good fruit?

- a. What are they doing to be able to bear good fruit?

 - b. What does Psalm 1 tell us will happen to those who bear bad fruit?
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6. What does the fire represent?

 7. What are we to do with false prophets? Use Scripture to support your answer.

 8. What is the final destiny of a false prophet?

Heart check:

- Do you pray for the repentance of false teachers?

- b. How might Matthew 7:1-6 help us in these types of situations?
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6. How do Colossians 1:10 and Ephesians 4:1-3 help us to apply this passage to our lives?

Dig Deeper

1. Read Matthew 23. How did Jesus describe the pharisees? How were they false teachers?
2. Study 2 Peter 2 for a greater understanding of false prophets and the dangers of their teaching.
3. Study the book of Jude for a greater understanding of false prophets and the dangers of their teaching.