



# Test for False Teachers

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**REMEMBER: ONE "YES" ANSWER TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS PROVES THAT THE TEACHER IS A FALSE TEACHER, AND HIS WORDS SHOULD BE DISREGARDED!!!**

**Teacher = A teacher is a person who teaches the Word of God through divine direction.**

**False Teacher = A person who does NOT teach the Word of God through divine direction.**

### <sup>1</sup>Characteristics of False Teachers

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| 1. Grace-perversers    | Gal 1:6-8     |
| 2. Money-lovers        | Luke 16:14    |
| 3. Christ-deniers      | 2 Pet 2:1     |
| 4. Truth-resistors     | 2 Tim 3:8     |
| 5. Fable-lovers        | 2 Tim 4:3,4   |
| 6. Destitute of truth  | 1 Tim 6:3-5   |
| 7. Bound by traditions | Matt 15:9     |
| 8. Unstable            | 1 Tim 1:6,7   |
| 9. Deceitful           | Eph 4:14      |
| 10. Lustful            | 2 Pet 1:12-19 |

### #1 Grace-perversers

#### Gal 1:6-8

1. Does the teacher say that God does not love you?
2. Does the teacher say that God's love must be paid for by money or possessions?
3. Does the teacher say that God only loves you if you are deserving?
4. Does the teacher say that God is not compassionate toward man?
5. Does the teacher accuse or ridicule our God for a lack of tolerance or patience?
6. Does the teacher say that God has chosen him to control the direction of his follower's lives?

### #2 Money-lovers

#### Luke 16:14

7. Does the teacher pay closer attention to the ministry of ritual, rather than the ministry of love and mercy?
8. Does the teacher base his teaching on or place excessive worth on money?
9. Does the teacher encourage students to be superior to others?
10. Does the teacher sneer, ridicule or condemn followers of Jesus?

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<sup>1</sup> Ten Characteristics from *The New Strong's Expanded Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*; "Supplement" Copyright © 1984, Thomas Nelson, Inc. [Complete Topical Index to the Bible](#); page 72.

**#3 Christ-deniers**  
**2Pet 2:1; 1 Tim 4:1-5; James 3:17**

11. Does the teacher act secretive with his knowledge and teach that events or happenings will occur at specific times that only he knows?
12. Does the teacher deny or reject Jesus or His gift of salvation?
13. Does the teacher speak of things that are not sanctified by the Word of God or your prayers?
14. Does the teacher focus on the earthly, natural, demonic life and exclude the wisdom that comes from Christ?
15. Are the teacher's teachings impure, chaotic, harsh, unreasonable, merciless, unstable, or hypocritical?

**#4 Truth-resistors**  
**1 Tim 6:5; 2 Tim 3:8; Ex 7:11; Rom 1:28**

16. Does the teacher appear evil, depraved, unprincipled or wicked?
17. Is the teacher immoral or cause his followers to be immoral?
18. Is the teacher rejected by God and beyond salvation?
19. Does the teacher use trickery, sorcery, magic or enchantment to sway his students?
20. Does the teacher challenge God to prove his authority and power?
21. Does the teacher lead his students into mental error or false judgment?

**#5 Fable-lovers**  
**2 Tim 4:3,4; 1 Tim 1:4**

22. Does the teacher speculate rather than confirm?
23. Does the teacher focus on genealogies by tracing family descent?
24. Does the teacher's teachings involve supernatural or imaginary persons embodying popular ideas on natural or social phenomenon?
25. Does the teacher instruct on widely held, but false notions?
26. Does the teacher "tickle the ears" by telling his students what they want to hear?
27. Does the teacher use popular media, special effects or flair to entertain rather than teach the gospel?
28. Does the teacher use music, TV, movies or computers to snare his students?

**#6 Destitute of Truth  
1 Tim 6:3-5**

29. Does the teacher distort the truth by disagreeing with a known fact or a known reality?
30. Does the teacher fail to teach the words of our Lord, Jesus Christ?
31. Is the teacher unrighteous, unlawful or immoral?
32. Does the teacher's knowledge conflict with his behavior?
33. Does the teacher's beliefs and actions appear to be without a "good sense" basis?
34. Does the teacher's teachings lead to wickedness or evil?
35. Is the teacher proud, showing a high opinion of his own dignity, importance or superiority?
36. Does the teacher appear to "know nothing"?
37. Is the teacher excessively fond of questions, to show off his intelligence rather than God's glory?
38. Does the teacher vigorously focus on the words of his answers rather than the truth?
39. Does the teacher cause envy or jealousy among his students?
40. Does the teacher create bitter conflict or strife among his students?
41. Does the teacher create an air of evil suspiciousness around his students?
42. Does the teacher argue with other teachers, attempting to persuade with evil teachings?
43. Does the teacher think that numbers of students indicates the godliness and rightness of his teachings?
44. Does the teacher treat the students meanly, worthlessly, disgracefully or dishonorably?

**#7 Bound by Traditions  
Matt 15:9; Is 29:13; 2 Tim 4:4,5; Titus 1:10-12**

45. Does the teacher worship God in vain (without real significance, value or importance)?
46. Does the teacher rely on tradition and rote, rather than the moving of the Holy Spirit?
47. Is the teacher bound by traditions claiming divine authority without documentary evidence?
48. Is the teacher's instruction based on myths and commandments of men rather than the truth?
49. Is the teacher an unruly, a vain talker or a deceiver?
50. Is the teacher unable to digest new knowledge because of laziness?

- 51. Does the teacher instruct for the sake of sordid gain?
- 52. Does the teacher attempt to undermine the teachings of the student's family?
- 53. Does the teacher demand isolation from family and friends?

**#8 Unstable  
1 Tim 1:6-7**

- 54. Does the teacher use idle talk and stray from sound doctrine?
- 55. Is the teacher unable to provide confirmation of his belief?

**#9 Deceitful  
Eph 4:14**

- 56. Does the teacher educate using different types of doctrine?
- 57. Does the teacher use trickery, the practice of deception, shrewdness or fraud to gain students?
- 58. Does the teacher use forms of dishonesty, underhandedness, misleading or false scheming to instruct the students?

**#10 Lustful  
2 Pet 2:12-19; Phil 3:19; Jude 1:12; Rom 6:16**

- 59. Does the teacher speak evil of the things he doesn't understand?
- 60. Is the teacher prone to corruption, bribery, swindling or dishonest dealings?
- 61. Does the teacher partake in carousing, drunkenness, sexual promiscuity or sensuality?
- 62. Is the teacher's character full of spots, stains and blemishes that he has tried to hide from others?
- 63. Does the teacher entice unstable souls?
- 64. Does the teacher follow the way of false gods?
- 65. Does the teacher have the presence but no message?
- 66. Does the teachers message change often?
- 67. Does the teacher manipulate, falsely flatter or entice lusts of the flesh?
- 68. Has the teacher been given knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ, then turned his back on Him?

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