Biblical Literature II—New Testament

Unit 6 “Lessons in Living the Christian Life”

Lesson 04 “False Teachers”

Name: Hour:

Millions tune in to a televangelist who uses words like *love* and *success*—but never mentions *sin* and *grace.* A self-proclaimed faith healer lays his hands on people’s heads and heals them—but doesn’t point to Jesus Christ as Savior. A nice-looking couple comes to your door and talks about Jesus—but never calls him true God or Savior. False teachers such as these abound. And Jesus knows the great danger they pose to his people. In the following excerpt from the Sermon on the Mount, he warns his listeners about false teachers.

[**Read Matthew 7:15-23**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%207:15-23&version=NIV)

1. Why are false teachers hard to recognize?

2. How can we distinguish false teachers from true teachers?

3. Fill in the table below with what you can think of.

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| ***What might be some of the “fruit” of a…*** | |
| **False Teacher** | **True Teacher** |
| **1.** | **1.** |
| **2.** | **2.** |
| **3.** | **3.** |
| **4.** | **4.** |

4. How might some false teachers deceive even themselves?

[**Read Matthew 24:23-24**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2024:23-24&version=NIV)

5. During Holy Week, Jesus warned his disciples that as the end of the world approaches, more false teachers will appear. Why will they be hard to recognize as being false?

6. What is the purpose for their deception?

Let’s look more closely at the false teachers’ fruits—their teachings. In the next passages, Jesus points out the false teachings of the much-admired Pharisees and teachers of the law. Jesus wants his people—the Jews then and us today—to know the truths of Scripture, because those truths will lead us closer to him. He wants us to see the gospel clearly so we follow him more closely.

[**Read Matthew 12:1-14**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2012:1-14&version=NIV)

7. Of what “unlawful” thing were Jesus’ disciples accused?

8. Why did the disciples do this “unlawful” act?

9. How did Jesus counter the Pharisees’ complaint?

a.**.**

b.

10. How did Jesus’ quote from Hosea, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice,” show that the Pharisees were twisting God’s Word?

11. In the second half of this section of Scripture the Pharisees ask another not so intelligent question. What do they ask?

12. How does Jesus’ response put them in their place and show the silliness of their question?

[**Read Luke 11:46**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2011:46&version=NIV)

13. What do the Pharisees do?

14. What kind of burdens did the Pharisees place on the people?

15. What was wrong with what the Pharisees did?

[**Read Luke 11:52**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2011:52&version=NIV)

16. What key to knowledge did the experts in the law take away from people?

17. What “truth” had the Pharisees not faced or were even aware of?

**Something to “chew” on…**

**Why do you think other religions (Hinduism,**

**Buddhism, Islamism, Mormonism and the like) are so**

**appealing to people? List five (5) reasons why.**

**a.**

**b.**

**c.**

**d.**

**e.**

Let’s find out what we really are!!! Go to the following hot link and take the test/inventory and then list for me your top three results.

[“Belief-O-Matic”](http://www.beliefnet.com/Entertainment/Quizzes/BeliefOMatic.aspx)

Survey says…

a.

b.

c.

Jesus had said that although false teachers look harmless, inwardly they are ferocious wolves. Wolves consume and destroy, and false teachers will ultimately destroy all who listen to them. Listen to Jesus talk about the two gates available to us in our spiritual lives and through which gate the false teachers lead their followers.

[**Read Matthew 7:13-14**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%207:13-14&version=NIV)

18. Where do the following lead?

a. the wide gate?

b. the narrow gate?

19. What does it mean that “the wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction”?

20. Give me two examples of this “wide gate and broad road that leads to destruction”.

a.

b.

21. Why is the gate that leads to life small, narrow, and harder to go through?

22. Click on the following video and respond to the question.

[“Enter Ye Through the Narrow Gate (Paul Washer)”](http://vuw.me/vYMq109g5ko)

a. Why is preaching a dangerous thing?

b. What does it mean “If Christ is telling us the Truth”?

c. What does not trouble Paul Washer’s heart?

1)

2)

3)

4)

d. What is it that troubles his heart?

e. What happens when “you compare yourself by yourself”?

f. What do some so-called Christians think of or treat the “world”?

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

f. Each one of us needs to ask ourselves “Are we any different than the world?”

g. What does “repentance mean”?

1)

2)

3)

4)

5)

h. What does he mean when he concludes, “I don’t know why you are clapping. I am

talking about you…”

i. **Well, dear friends, what do you think of Mr. Washer’s**

**words? Does he hit the mark or is he way off base? Tell me**

**what you think!**

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