

## BEWARE OF FALSE TEACHERS

### 2 Peter 2:1-3

**Big Idea:** *Stay alert, don't be deceived, false teachers plot to mislead.*

#### 1. Peter issues a strong warning to the church about \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>1a</sup> “But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you . . .”

Deuteronomy 13:1-3 “If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, <sup>2</sup> and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,’ <sup>3</sup> you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God is testing you to find out if you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”

Matthew 24:4 “And Jesus answered and said to them, ‘See to it that no one misleads you.’”

Acts 20:29-30 “I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.”

#### 2. Peter outlines key characteristics that reveal \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>1b</sup> “. . . who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. <sup>2</sup> Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; <sup>3</sup> and in *their* greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.”

**First Characteristic:** They do not \_\_\_\_\_ as false teachers.

**Second Characteristic:** They will \_\_\_\_\_ who bought them.

**Third Characteristic:** They will \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.

**Fourth Characteristic:** They will \_\_\_\_\_ on themselves.

2 Corinthians 11:13 “For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.”

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

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