



# How to DETECT Spiritual Imposters

1 Timothy 4:1-5  
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- How do you detect a spiritual imposter?

**First, they speak \_\_\_\_\_ in hypocrisy. vs. 2a**

- They speak lies, but they have a religious \_\_\_\_\_ coating.
- Jesus had no tolerance for the religious Pharisees. It was because they spoke \_\_\_\_\_ in hypocrisy.

**Second, their conscience is \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 2**

- They are convinced that they are doing God a service, but they are simply pawns of \_\_\_\_\_. Titus 1:15-16

**Third, they teach a \_\_\_\_\_, religious piety. vs. 3**

- *“But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”* Matthew 15:9

God has given every believer two powerful resources for being able to \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual imposters. They are found in verse 5.

This morning's lesson was on how to detect spiritual imposters. But this topic of false teaching is so important in God's Word! Jesus warned His disciples of it. Paul warns us of it repeatedly, mentioning it in his letters to the Romans, Corinthians, Colossians, Titus, and both letters to Timothy! With God devoting so much of His Word to protecting us from false teaching, a 30-minute Sunday morning sermon can barely scratch the surface of this important issue!

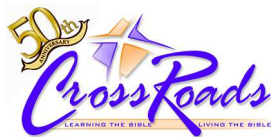
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Are false teachers present in our time today? Absolutely! So, the challenge for us is "How to Detect False Teachers." In this series, you will learn about the tools necessary to help you better discern what is being taught in churches, on TV, the radio, and the Web.

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