

HOW TO DETECT RELIGIOUS SCAMMERS



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First, they _____ to be something they are not.

Vs. 5, 7

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.” 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God to salvation to every one that believes...” Romans 1:16a

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

Second, they strategically _____ others. Vs. 6

- Scammers know who is susceptible and whom they can influence readily. Are you grounded in the truth of God?

“That we hereafter be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.”

Ephesians 4:14-15

Third, they _____ spiritual authority. Vs. 8

“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

They zealously affect you, but not well...” Galatians 4:16-17

- Religious scammers _____ your spiritual growth and trouble you.

“Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you,

and would pervert the gospel of Christ.” Galatians 1:7

“You did run well; who did hinder you that you should not obey the truth?

This persuasion comes not of him that calls you.” Galatians 5:7-8

“I would they were even cut off which trouble you.” Galatians 5:12