

Bible Study Series: How to Detect False Teachers

“The Marks of False Teachers”- Part 4

2 Peter 2

Introduction:

1. False teachers are just as prevalent today as they were in Peter's day. In fact, Paul told us they would become increasingly **worse**. 2 Timothy 3:13
2. False teachers will appear as ministers of Christ (2 Corinthians 11:13-15), so how does the Christian identify a false teacher? What are the characteristics of a false teacher? 2 Peter 2 answers these questions.

I. First mark of false teachers: They reject the sufficiency of Christ's work. vs. 1

II. Second mark of false teachers: They do not accept God's Word as the *final* and ultimate authority. vs 2

III. Third mark of false teachers: They may attract big *crowds* and have many followers. vs. 2

IV. Fourth mark of false teachers: They are full of greed. vs. 3

A. Jesus and His apostles were not affluent and wealthy men. God met their **needs** as they ministered to others. cf. Matthew 10:8

B. The apostle Paul was a great example. 1 Thessalonians 2:9,
2 Thessalonians 3:8, 1 Corinthians 9:18

- *“The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us.”*

Micah 3:11

C. Who do these false teachers prey on? vs. 14

1. They prey on people who do not **know** their Bible.
2. This is why it is crucial that believers get **rooted** and grounded in the truth of God's Word. Ephesians 4:14