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Avoid False Teachers

The Bible contains a lot of good things that we ought to follow -- how we ought to live, the example we ought to set for others, and what our response to God should be. Both the Old and New testaments have a lot of what we might call the positive side. But I want to discuss a warning that appears numerous times that we might not think too much about. The warning deals with so called religious teachers.

The Bible teaches us to test whether a teacher is of God or not. While that might sound strange, it is a teaching that is scattered throughout the New Testament, beginning with teachings by Jesus. I have heard preachers say (and I say it frequently), "Check out what I am saying. If it is truth, obey it. If it is not, challenge me." And, so it ought to be. To do that we need to be more studious in our Bibles.

Jesus warned against false prophets in Matthew 7. He said they would come in "sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves." He went on to say, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven." Some, he said, would come to him in the day of judgment and claim that they had prophesied in his name but that he would tell them plainly, "I never knew you."

Peter echoed Jesus' teaching in 2 Peter. Talking of prophets (teachers), he first wrote of the good prophets that his readers should pay attention to "as to a light shining in a dark place." But then, he adds that prophecy is not by the prophet's own interpretation. He explains, "For prophecy never had its origin in man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." He proceeds to say that there were also false prophets in Old Testament times, "just as there will be false teachers among you." Those false teachers will secretly introduce destructive heresies, he said. Peter explains that God would "know how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment."

1 John 4 warns not to "believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world." Paul warned of false apostles in 2 Cor. 11:13. Paul warned the elders at Ephesus (Acts 20:29) about people who would be like savage wolves -- even men from their own number would "arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them." Lastly, Jude warned his audience that certain men had secretly slipped in among them, men who would change the grace of God into a license for immorality.

So, how do we know? Good question. I say we have to be careful to match what we hear to the Word of God. I know the Word is truth (cf. Gal. 1:8,9). The Bereans were complimented for searching the scriptures to see if what Paul said was true (Acts 17:11). If what is being dished out to us does not match what has been handed down to us in scripture it ought to raise a big red flag.

It is not enough to look the part. And just because they sound smooth, it does not mean they have the right message. The message has to be correct.

Chuck Owen

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Prayer Requests

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the lost in our families and community.

For the ban on partial birth abortion to stand as law.

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For **Tim and Jennifer** in the adoption process and the health of baby **Zoe**.

Chris Holbrook (husband to Brandy Gamp's coworker) is suffering with thyroid cancer. There are postoperative complications. Chris has a wife and 2 young children.

Don Lemon will be resuming his chemotherapy treatments on Tuesday.

Abdul Saleemi (friend of Brandy Gamp) is having chemo and radiation therapy for lung cancer.

Trenton Pate (friend of Jayma and Julie Rase from church camp from Dayton area) is suffering with a condition that makes him unable to talk.

Kylie Berry had her tonsils removed on Friday and is home doing well in recovery.

Jordan Book is undergoing tests to determine the cause of spells of hypoglycemia.

Donnie Miller is being treated with antibiotics for a persistent infection.

Praise Report: Sarah Riley (Jamie's mother) was involved in an auto accident Wednesday. Her car was totaled but she suffered no serious injuries at all.

Sam Miller is scheduled for a 15-day deployment to Germany in July

John Charkowski (young soldier from Michigan known to the Millers) was burned over 80% of his body in a bombing in Iraq. He is being treated in Texas.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Frances Bell** (aunt to Sharon Gamp) who passed away in Kentucky on Tuesday. Mike and Sharon have been out of town to attend the funeral.

To the family of **Daniel Roberts** (17 yr old friend of Julie and Jayma Rase in Texas) who was killed in a skateboard accident.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS Workers, Look!

Today, after morning services we have a meeting for all support workers and guides in the annex. If you are a teacher or aide in Cradle Roll, Two's or Three's, please come to the meeting, too. There is some important bookkeeping type information that you need to track during VBS. We still need about 3 Registration Workers to help new people get registered and in the right place each night before VBS from about 6 – 6:30 pm. Sign up now.

VBS Sign Up In Progress

In the foyer we have laid out pads for the classes in VBS this year. We also have flyers made up for you to use to invite the children of friends and neighbors in the area.

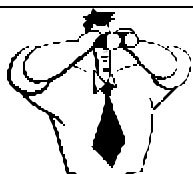
Classes where we still have lots of room are First, Fifth and Sixth. Remember what Jesus said, "Go out into the highways and byways and compel them to come in that my house may be filled."

Cookies for VBS

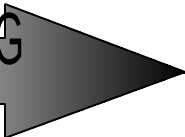
The sign up sheet is posted for those who are willing to bake or donate cookies for VBS. Please note that for each time you sign up we are expecting 4 dozen cookies from you for that night of VBS. Just a reminder: we have at least one youngster who is extremely allergic to peanuts. **Please do not send any cookies with peanuts or any peanut product in it. Thanks.**

New for VBS

This year we are planning an adult class for VBS led by Jon Coriell. The class will be meeting in the elder's room over the foyer. We can handle about 15 in our present set up. Half of the class will be devoted to learning what the children are learning each night. The other half of the class will be based on "Parables from the Fishin' Hole." The main group of adults we had in mind are the parents and adults who bring children to VBS and want to stay at the building; however, there will be some room for our own members. Sign up if you would like to be in the class. Just remember first preference goes to the visiting parents. OK?



LOOKING AHEAD



Sunshine Events

- 6/27-7/1 Vacation Bible School
- 7/10-16 Sunshine's week at FHCYC

Other Area Events

Details are posted on the bulletin board.

- 8/6 Ladies Day (Circleville, OH)
- 9/2-9/4 Summit (Columbus, OH)

Teen Devo

No devo this week, come to VBS instead!

Sunday PM Services

We will be having a singing devotional this evening with a short Bible lesson.

Bible Study Text

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
6/26 Acts 11-12:24	6/29 Exodus 8
7/3 Acts 13	7/6 Exodus 9
7/10 Acts 14	7/13 Exodus 10

Quarterly Deacons Meeting

Originally scheduled for 6/19 has been postponed until Sunday, July 3, at 5 pm in the Annex. All deacons are expected to be in attendance.

Help with Haiti Trip

Steve Miller is leaving for Haiti on Saturday, July 9, for a one week mission trip. He will be working in a youth conference which will involve about 175 Haitian orphans. The orphanage there has a school and the school is in need of basic educational supplies. Steve has set out a suitcase in the children's library to collect lead pencils, ballpoint pens, erasers and little hand pencil sharpeners. If you would like to contribute to the suitcase, put your contribution in between now and Wednesday, July 6.



Good News from Impact

Our young people are back from Impact and by all accounts they had a great time there. Two very important announcements to make today: **Matthew Gamp** confessed Christ and was baptized in His Name on Monday night; and on Thursday night, **Donivan Kaye**, a close friend and neighbor to Matthew, confessed Christ and was baptized. Matthew is known to all of us; Donivan is an active member of our youth group and lives with his parents, Michael & Michele Henry in Wheelersburg. May God bless both of these young men with a full measure of His Spirit.

Prayer for New Christians

We have had a lot to rejoice about over the last 3 or 4 months. Our biggest blessing as a congregation has been the addition of many new souls to the kingdom. Here is a list of those who have become Christians here since February, 2005. We are putting this list in the bulletin so that you can pray daily for each one of them and thank the Lord for the harvest that He is gathering to His church.

- **Derek Marion**
- **Cheryl Sims**
- **Sabrina Schafer**
- **Derek Snyder**
- **Becca Nogueira**
- **Abraham Myers**
- **Ronnie Schnebelt**
- **Matthew Gamp**
- **Donivan Kaye**

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Bible Class Text
Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Lord's Supper - Server 6
Server 5
Server 4
Wine
Bread
Server 3
Server 2
Server 1
Message
Closing Prayer

June 26

Acts 11-12:24
Wayne Gampp
Ralph Gampp
Matt Hoskins
Gary Glispie
Al Graff
Josh Coriell
Price Gammon
Dewey Cordle
Mike Coriell
Terry Royster
Jack Jennings
Jerry Gampp
Jamie Riley
Shawn Gragg

July 3

Acts 13
Tom Kelley
Taylor Hoskins
Al Graff
Jamie Riley
Jacob Miller
David Gampp
Ira Coriell
Terry Sullivan
Shaun McCray
Kevin Stimpert
Lane Raiser
Troy Gahm
Steve Miller
Josh Coriell

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Gabe Coriell
Jon Coriell
Jacob Miller
Matt Cram

Mark Gampp
Wayne Gampp
Matt Hoskins
Aaron Franke

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Bud Coriell
Mike Coriell
Exodus 8

Zach Coriell
Tim Gampp
Exodus 9

Scheduled Services

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:45 am
Worship - 10:30 am
Eve. Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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