

“Man’s **Responsibility** to **Choose**: Part 3b”

Matthew 7:15-20

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III. Man Must Choose the **Teachers** to **Heed** (vs 15-20)

a. The **False** Teachers

1. A Clear **Warning** (vs 15a)
2. The Deceptive **Danger** (vs 15b)
3. The Helpful **Identification** (vs 16-20)

2 Corinthians 4:16 “For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.”

➤ False Teachers are Identified by Their **Character**

Luke 3:8 “Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance...”

Matthew 23:27-28 “**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness.** ²⁸ **Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.”**

➤ False Teachers are Identified by Their **Doctrine**

Isaiah 8:20 “To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them.”

➤ False Teachers are Identified by Their **Followers**

2 Peter 2:2 “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. ² And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.”

2 Timothy 4:3 “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;”

Matthew 22:14 “**For many are called, but few *are* chosen.**”

b. The **Truth** Teachers (vs 17-19)

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

Colossians 1:10 “That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;”

John 15:8-10 “Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. ¹⁰ If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.”

2 Peter 1:5-8 “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; ⁶ And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; ⁷ And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. ⁸ For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

IV. The **Application**

- a. **Read** and **Understand** the Bible
- b. **Identify** and **Shun** False Teachers
- c. **Fact-Check** and **Learn** from Truth Teachers