

# Northridge Baptist Church

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## Identifying Tendencies of False Teachers

Verse; II Cor. 11:13-15

Title Example: Balaam False Prophet-Moab

\*Satan doesn't usually work that way; Satan doesn't come in a red suit, nor does his false teachers with a sign saying, "I'm here to be used of the Devil to make you worldly."

\*In the Old Testament--a false prophet was stoned. But today they are promoted and loved.

\*There on the TV, on the radio, there interviewed by the news programs--as what is suppose to be Christianity and there down the street at the local rock church.

\*That is why I don't like being called, "Evangelical" --because you're paint with such a broad brush. Example: Cornerstone Bap. In Roseville.

\*That there are so many Evangelicals that are so worldly that I don't like be associated with them.

\* You will see that these false teachers are never called by me to Men or God or Preachers--because they are not of God, but of the Devil.

\*Last summer during Wednesday night bible study we went over the top Televangelist and False teachers;

\*And these people I am about to mention—you might like and watch there show and read their books. Example: Someone will say, "But Pastor there so nice/sweet."

\*But that is why I say, "Charisma has attached itself to error and people swallow error---because there more interested in charisma than truth."

\*And these are nice people---but they can always be nice because they stand for nothing.

\*These are---Joel Olsten, Joyce Myers, John Hagee, Creflo Dollar, Benny Hinn, Kenneth Copeland, Rick Warren, T.D. Jakes, Pat Roberson, and many more.

\*Do you know that everyone had 5 things in common;

1. False Doctrine-
  - a. No eternal security.
  - b. Calvinist,
  - c. Speak in tongues,
  - d. Visions and Revelations.
2. False Bible,
  - a. take away words or whole verses,
  - b. Essential doctrines-virgin birth, Deity of Jesus and the Trinity
3. Lived in Luxury-
  - a. Mansions,
  - b. Personal Plane,

4. Had no standards- legalist
5. Working together to make a one world religion.

\*“For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.” **Jude 1:4**

\*The Book of Jude is an exhortation to “*contend for the faith.*”-This is the reason why so many believers and churches go bad-they don’t know what the faith is?

\*By the way--Do you know what the faith is? Can you discern a wrong standard or doctrine?

\*God knows that the Devil uses any way possible to change the faith. And he does it slowly—sometimes from one generation to the next.

\*I have seen one generations saved –the next is unsaved and living like the world.

\* One of those ways is by using teachers, who seem sincere and trustworthy, so sweet to turn you away from the faith. Example: Ind. Bap-Kensington-Led Zeppelin-Pastor is so sweet.

\*The verse above shows the tendencies of this modern day Balaam’s.

\*Let me show you Four tendencies, so you can identify them and keep yourself from their harmful teachings.

### **PRAYER**

\*First, they move slowly. Ill Christian radio-Michael Jackson & Billy Joel

\*The verse above says, “For there are certain men crept in unawares”

\* One of the tendencies of these people is they don't come in and try to rock the boat. These false teachers are very patient.

\*They understand that you are very akin to the faith of the old paths, so they are willing to move slowly to get you to move away from it.

\*They don't try to get you to move all at once; they simply attempt to move you a little at a time.  
Ex. Music-1.stop preaching against world 2. Specials 3. Praise and worship, 4. Contemporary Music

- A. One thing about these False Teachers is that they will say they are like you,
- B. And lying doesn't bother them--because they are not about the truth of the faith---but they are about the end game of fundamentally changing what you believe.
- C. They start giving you questions---In Sunday School I am very careful the philosophy and to not question the Faith.
- D. They use Apples and compare them to Oranges-Illustrations that are not the same can be used to confuse people.

\*They try to win your heart. Example: Temple Baptist Church

\*We often think that false teachers are not likable people, but that is not true. These people are very likable. They have great personalities. Example: Joel Olsten, & Joyce Myers

\*Their teachings will often make you feel good and loved--because they never teach something that would be controversial with society.

\*These teachers are very appealing and pleasant to be around.

\*Their goal in preaching is to be all about you-not about the Lord.

\*Church is not about you---it's about the Lord, Example: Life is not about you.

\*Their goal is to get you to like them and trust them so they can change your belief of the faith.

\*Third, they use Grace as an excuse to fulfill physical lusts. REVIEW

\*It first started out as the "Health and Wealth Gospel" but people got wind to that.

\*So the average church today is used by the devil to arouse your lust and the whole plan of the Devil is to make you like the World.

\* Example: Corinthians church was very worldly—so much so that they promoted the spiritual liberty by telling the world that one of their members married his Father's wife.

\*But the False Teachers today by two things.

- A. False Grace-this is a false doctrine teaches that we are covered under God's grace and are free to do what we want.---
- B. This is the same false teaching that the Corinthians promoted---remember folks there's nothing new under the sun.
- C. This false grace is used by the Devil's false teachers to excuse the physical lust.
- D. Music- The Devil is using the music of the world to change Christianity & the world has gotten into the church by the music. The world's music has a "Back Beat" that gives a sensuous sound that arouses your physical lust and makes you like the world.

\*The words are sensual by the sliding and breathiness that are in the rock, rap, country music and the CCM also.

\*One of the 10 Commandments is "Thou shalt not covet" ---That word covet means not to lust.

\* Example: Satan's goal is to get you to lust just like the world-He has gotten the Christian today from Sw, Bible, Church and Prayer and got them lusting after

1. Money.
2. Sports.
3. Cars.
4. Materialism-and Christians have become just like the world-because we lust just like they do.

\*The verse above says, "turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness"

\*The word "lasciviousness" means, "looseness; tendency to excite lust, and promote irregular indulgences."

\*In other words, these false teachers use Grace as their basis for getting you to change what you believe.

\*They say that we live in the day of grace; therefore, we are no longer bound by Old Testament/ New Testament standards of holiness.

\*Grace is always their excuse to allow the saved person to fulfill their physical lusts without feeling guilty.

\*Grace is not a license to sin or to live in the filth of the world.----But Grace is God giving you the ability to do what He expects you to do.

\*You better watch out for these False preachers and teachers who continually attack the standards of holiness.

\*God says—“Be ye Holy as I Am Holy”

\*Their arguments may sound appealing to your flesh, but our flesh is to be crucified not fed.

\*That old man is supposed to die—not grow stronger.

\* Example: They use outside authorities as their basis for change. The verse above says, “and denying the only Lord God”--You will always see that these false teachers use people in history as a basis for change.

\* Example: United Methodist-Women Preachers in the 9<sup>th</sup> century

\*They often quote modern day “spiritual leaders” to get you to believe that changing to meet cultural acceptance is acceptable.

\*The faith doesn't change with culture.—And God said “I am the Lord I change not.” –And we should stay on the old paths.

\*There is only one authority, and that is God’s Word. It doesn't matter what man thinks or says; the Scriptures are the only basis for our standard of living.

\* Example: It’s because man changes, but not God.

A. Pope Benedict-apologize to sodomites.

B. Traditions-is man-made not God made-this is ritual and not of God.

C. F.P. misleads you through questions. Satan simply-- asked Eve if God really said that she couldn't eat of every tree.

\*Satan knows that once you start questioning Scripture, he will be able to get you to change what God said. You have to be careful about hearing those who are questioning the validity of the Bible.

\*To question God is to question His ability, authority, sovereignty and omniscience.

\* It is not my job to ask God why, it is my job to trust that He knows what is best

\*Let me exhort you to beware of the modern day Balaam’s--don’t listen to their TV or radio programs. Example: Joel Olsten-“Night of Hope” at Tiger’s stadium-Revival-\$69

\*The doctrine of change promoted by modern day Balaam's to be culturally accepted always leads to spiritual disaster.

1. Drop standards.
2. Marry an unsaved person.

\*Keep God's Word as your final authority and you will be able to avoid the destruction that these False teachings will cause.

\*You need to be reading and listening from a pure source that you know is doctrinally correct

\*. Fundamental Broadcasting or Baptist Broadcasting Network, & Read books from Independent Baptist. Example: Person Shocked I don't have ton of religious books.

\*That which has your EAR is what influences you.

\*See these false teachers of the devil us one verse in there books--- and then use human physophy to twist the truth to whatever they want it to be.

\* Example: Friend from College-friend with a contempory church in the area-now he doesn't wear a tie or a suit coat.

\*That's why we are a Bible Church and the main/only book we use is the Bible.----But what about you