



# URGENTLY DEVOTED

IDENTIFYING FALSE TEACHERS  
2 CORINTHIANS 11:12-15

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*2 Cor. 11:12 And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. 13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds. (ESV)*

1. Realize \_\_\_\_\_ (v.14)

2. Expect \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.13, 15a)

3. Keep \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.12, 15b)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Genesis 3:1-6** and **John 8:43-45**. We may not see our doctrinal decisions as spiritual battles, but according to Jesus, they are. How does this reality change the way you approach learning from God's Word?
2. Read **Matthew 7:15-20**. What specific habits would you encourage a newer believer to develop in order to distinguish a true teacher from a false one?
3. Read **Jude 3-4**. Why do you think Christians stay silent about false teaching, and why does this passage refuse to accept those reasons as sufficient?
4. Read **Romans 16:18**. Paul identifies smooth talk and flattery as a false teacher's frequently used tool. Why is that particular strategy still so effective in churches today?
5. Read **1 Timothy 1:12-16**. Paul was an ardent opponent of the gospel before becoming its powerful preacher. How does his story shape the way you approach someone currently caught up in false teaching?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 14-23 – **Why We Amplify the Truth**  
Msg. 05-28 – **Being Extra Careful to Always Take Hold of God's Truth**  
Msg. 13-20 – **Presenting Christ: Staying on Task**  
Msg. 12-04 – **Learning to Encourage One Another**  
Msg. 20-02 – **Telling the Truth**  
Msg. 21-08 – **The Paganism of the People**  
Msg. 16-51 – 16-62 – **Bad Theology** (12-part series on cults & world religions)

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

May 3<sup>rd</sup> ..... 1Kgs.6-7 & Lk.23:27-38  
May 4<sup>th</sup>..... 1Kgs.8-9 & Lk.23:39-56  
May 5<sup>th</sup>..... 1Kgs.10-11 & Lk.24:1-35  
May 6<sup>th</sup>..... 1Kgs.12-13 & Lk.24:36-53  
May 7<sup>th</sup>..... 1Kgs.14-15 & Jn.1:1-28  
May 8<sup>th</sup>..... 1Kgs.16-18 & Jn.1:29-51  
May 9<sup>th</sup>..... 1Kgs.19-20 & Jn.2  
May 10<sup>th</sup>..... 1Kgs.21-22 & Jn.3:1-21

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Mohler, R. Albert Jr. **The Gathering Storm: Secularism, Culture, and the Church**. Nelson Books, 2020.  
Nash, Ronald H. **Worldviews in Conflict: Choosing Christianity in a World of Ideas**. Zondervan, 1992.  
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Stein, Robert H. **A Basic Guide to Interpreting the Bible: Playing by the Rules**. Baker Books, 1994.  
Walton, John H., and Mark L. Strauss. **The Essential Bible Companion**. Zondervan, 2006.