



Sermon Outline
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**When Truth
Gets Twisted**

2 Peter 2

* **Peter's intention was not to create fear or paranoia but to make us _____.**

* **There's a _____ to human spirituality.**

1 Peter 5:8 - Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

* **Satan's objective is to get us to _____ what God has said, so he can lure us into believing his lies.**

John 8:44b - He (*the devil*) was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

* **One of Satan's tools is _____.**

So, what's the draw of false teaching? *It often **promises** freedom **without** obedience, grace **without** repentance, and spirituality **without** godliness.*

* *False teachers introduce **disguised** destructive doctrines, exploit people using **fabricated** theology, and are motivated by **greed** rather than for good.*

* *False teaching is _____, not obvious. It doesn't announce itself as rebellion and it often sounds spiritual.*

How to recognize false teachers: *Charismatic leadership **demanding** loyalty, **isolation** from outside voices, claims of **unique** authority, manipulation through **fear** or **control**, a gradual shift from truth to **deception**.*

* **False teaching doesn't escape God's notice. God knows how to judge and how to _____.**

2 Peter 2:9 - ...if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.

* **Evil will be _____ and the innocent vindicated.**

2 Peter 2:13b - They will be paid back for the harm they have done.

* **Those who can be more vulnerable to false teaching include:** *New believers, people in crisis, those struggling with old sin patterns, and the lonely.*

Qualities to look for in a godly teacher:

- 1. They display the fruit of the Spirit in their lives.**
- 2. They model humility and _____.**
- 3. They point people to Jesus rather than themselves.**
- 4. How they handle disagreements and _____.**
 - * **What you believe is important because what you believe determines how you _____.**

Practical steps to avoid false teaching:

- 1. Develop _____ in God's Word.**

2 Timothy 2:15 - Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

* A specific mark of false teaching is when **new authority is placed above or alongside Scripture.**
- 2. Stay connected to a _____ church community.**
- 3. Pay attention to character and not just _____.**

Questions for reflection:

**What voices are you allowing to shape your beliefs?
What teachings are influencing your life?
Is your faith anchored in _____ truth?**