

Beware of Wolves

Some people teach error because they simply don't know any better. They have good intentions and are sincere in what they believe, but they just happen to be wrong in what they believe and what they are teaching. Others are just plain wicked. Jesus calls them "ravenous wolves" (Matthew 7:15). One of the last messages Jesus gave in the Sermon on the Mount was to beware of these false teachers who are dressed in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are selfish beasts. It is the duty of all believers everywhere to test the spirits (1 John 4:1). We must constantly be on the lookout, and constantly observing fruit. This is so important because it is impossible for good trees to produce bad fruit, and bad trees to produce good fruit (Matthew 7:18-19), and Jesus told us that we can spot these wolves by observing their fruit (20). There are many out there who talk a good game and look the part, but really have no part of Christ. We must watch out for them and remove them from the flock (Romans 16:17-18; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13).

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