



Growth and the False Teachers among Us

NorthRidge Church

Dr. M. David Myers

November 13, 2022

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. – 2 Peter 2:1

How does spiritual growth protect us from false prophets?

- Growth puts us in _____ with our Heavenly Father
- Growth enlarges our _____ of spiritual matters
- Growth infuses our lives with _____ to rightly respond to false teaching

False Teachers Among Us – 2 Peter 2:1-3

I. Spotting False Teachers

- a. His Message is Filled with _____ ... (2:1a)
- b. His Intent is Framed around _____ ... (2:1b)
- c. His Passion is Veiled _____ ... (2:2)
- d. His Focus is Personal _____ ... (2:3)

II. False Teacher's End is _____ ... (2:3b)

Personal Action Steps ...

- Be _____ and _____
- Compare Everything to _____
- Don't become _____

Truth for Life

November 13, 2022

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. How have you seen deceivers appear in the church? What roles did they take? How did they deceive? Did it cause damage or hurt to the body of Christ? Were people in the church swept in to their deception? Why?
2. As we heard this weekend there will be people who want to deceive us, and often these people appear to be friendly. The primary way to protect ourselves is by being "rooted" in our faith. How do the following verses explain what being "rooted" does and how it impacts our faith?
Ephesians 3:16-19 Colossians 1:21-23 Colossians 2:6-7 Jude 17-21
Can you think of any signs or symptoms that someone has shallow roots in their faith? Any signs of deep faith roots?
What helps you sink spiritual roots?
3. God has a way of life for us to follow, not because he needs us to do something for him, but because he cares for us and wants to take care of us. Read Proverbs 2:1-10 and write down the blessings that come from accepting God's word and keeping his commands.
Which blessing stood out to you as something you'd like to see more of in your life?
4. Here are some more challenging questions for you to consider.
 - a. There are professing Christians that argue that the Bible permits committed, loving homosexual relationships. How would you counter this with Scripture?
 - b. Some Christians justify going to R-rated movies by saying, "I need to understand where our culture is at." Your response?
 - c. Where is the balance between being in the world, but not of the world (John 17:15-16)? How can we keep a check on ourselves so that we don't cross the line?

Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

Paul said eight times in scripture, "Pray for us. ... Let's run this forward to today and pray for our pastors and leaders in the Church.

- Pray that the Father of glory give [our pastors and leaders] the spirit of wisdom and revelation of knowledge in their relationship with Him. Eph. 1:15-17
- Pray that the Spirit give utterance to speak boldly the mystery of the gospel. Eph. 6:18-20
- Pray that from His glorious riches that the Lord comfort and strengthen the hearts of [our pastors and leaders] with power through His Spirit in every good work and word. Eph. 3:16-17, 2Thess. 2:16



Growth and the False Teachers among Us

NorthRidge Church

Dr. M. David Myers

November 13, 2022

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. – 2 Peter 2:1

How does spiritual growth protect us from false prophets?

- Growth puts us in **Tune** with our Heavenly Father
- Growth enlarges our **Understanding** of spiritual matters
- Growth infuses our lives with **Wisdom** to rightly respond to false teaching

False Teachers Among Us – 2 Peter 2:1-3

I. Spotting False Teachers

- a. His Message is Filled with **Deception** ... (2:1a)
- b. His Intent is Framed around **Denial** ... (2:1b)
- c. His Passion is Veiled **Sensuality** ... (2:2)
- d. His Focus is Personal **Greed** ... (2:3)

II. False Teacher's End is **Destruction** ... (2:3b)

Personal Action Steps ...

- Be **Careful** and **Cautious**
- Compare Everything to **Scripture**
- Don't become **Spiritually Sleepy**

Truth for Life

November 13, 2022

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. How have you seen deceivers appear in the church? What roles did they take? How did they deceive? Did it cause damage or hurt to the body of Christ? Were people in the church swept in to their deception? Why?
2. As we heard this weekend there will be people who want to deceive us, and often these people appear to be friendly. The primary way to protect ourselves is by being "rooted" in our faith. How do the following verses explain what being "rooted" does and how it impacts our faith?
Ephesians 3:16-19 Colossians 1:21-23 Colossians 2:6-7 Jude 17-21
Can you think of any signs or symptoms that someone has shallow roots in their faith? Any signs of deep faith roots?
What helps you sink spiritual roots?
3. God has a way of life for us to follow, not because he needs us to do something for him, but because he cares for us and wants to take care of us. Read Proverbs 2:1-10 and write down the blessings that come from accepting God's word and keeping his commands.
Which blessing stood out to you as something you'd like to see more of in your life?
4. Here are some more challenging questions for you to consider.
 - a. There are professing Christians that argue that the Bible permits committed, loving homosexual relationships. How would you counter this with Scripture?
 - b. Some Christians justify going to R-rated movies by saying, "I need to understand where our culture is at." Your response?
 - c. Where is the balance between being in the world, but not of the world (John 17:15-16)? How can we keep a check on ourselves so that we don't cross the line?

Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

Paul said eight times in scripture, "Pray for us. ... Let's run this forward to today and pray for our pastors and leaders in the Church.

- Pray that the Father of glory give [our pastors and leaders] the spirit of wisdom and revelation of knowledge in their relationship with Him. Eph. 1:15-17
- Pray that the Spirit give utterance to speak boldly the mystery of the gospel. Eph. 6:18-20
- Pray that from His glorious riches that the Lord comfort and strengthen the hearts of [our pastors and leaders] with power through His Spirit in every good work and word. Eph. 3:16-17, 2Thess. 2:16