

Danger: Warning Signs!

2 Peter 2:13-22
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Four warning signs to help us avoid false teachers:

I. Danger! _____ ahead.

- a) **2 Peter 2:13-14 (NIV84)** They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done. Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you.
- b) **14** With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed—an accursed brood!

A. False teachers _____ to lead you astray.

- a) I fear you will be led astray... (2 Corinthians 11:3)
 - b) I marvel you are turning away ...to different gospel...(Galatians 1:6)
 - c) We should no longer be children ... tossed by waves. (Ephesians 4:14)
 - d) Savage wolves will come... not spare. (Acts 20:29)
- a) **Romans 16:17 (NIV84)** I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. **Keep away from them.**

Are you believing the _____ of false teachers?

II. Caution! _____ crossing.

A. False teachers are greedy & _____.

- a) **2 Peter 2:15 (NIV84)** They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of **Balaam** son of Beor, who loved the wages of wickedness.
- b) **16** But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey—a beast without speech—who spoke with a man’s voice and restrained the prophet’s madness.

TWO tests for false teachers:

- a) **Jude 11 (NIV84)** Woe to them! They have taken the way of **Cain**; they have rushed for profit into **Balaam’s** error; they have been destroyed in **Korah’s rebellion**.

1. Are they _____? (Balaam-Num 22)

2. Are they _____? (Cain – Gen 4)

B. False teachers make _____ promises.

- a) **2 Peter 2:17 (NIV84)** These men are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them.

Are the “ _____ ” you listen to proud & greedy?

II. Do Not Enter! _____ zone.

- a) **2 Peter 2:18 (NIV84)** For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error.
- b) **19** They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him.

A. They promise _____ but demand works.

B. They promise _____ but condemn themselves.

- a) **2 Peter 2:20 (NIV84)** If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning.

Are you _____ through Jesus?

III. Warning! _____ lane ends ahead.

- a) **2 Peter 2:21 (NIV84)** It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.
- b) **22** Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud."

A. False teachers give in to their _____.

B. False teachers only know _____ Jesus.

Do you _____ Jesus? Or just know about Him?

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Discussion Questions:

1. Have you heard any “false teachings” lately? Why do you think they were not true or biblical?
2. Why do you think Peter is so upset with false teachers infiltrating his church? Can you relate to Peter? Why or why not?
3. Have you ever been promised something, but didn’t get it? How did that make you feel?
4. Have you ever been led astray by people who claim to be Christians? How did that affect your faith in God?
5. Do you know for sure you are a born-again Christian? Give a brief summary of your salvation experience to the group.

