

Mt.7.15-20 “WATCH OUT!”
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II. W_____ vv.16–20

Jesus tells us what to watch for in I_____ false teachers.

The primary purpose of a fruit tree is to B_____ F_____

A prophet refers to one who S_____ for God

It is the tree that A_____ to bear good fruit, but does not, that is deceptive.

Christians can be taken in by false prophets when they are careless about O_____ to the Word,

Satan loves to use God’s own P_____ to promote his evil work

A bad tree with bad fruit is much H_____ to judge than thorn bushes that have grapes on them...

What a life [tree] bears has to be E_____ carefully to determine if it is good fruit or bad fruit.

A mature believer who has developed D_____ can spot the bad tree & bad fruit (He.5.14).

Judging the fruit of F_____ P_____, is not nearly so easy as judging fruit in an O_____.

1. C_____

A person’s basic character—will eventually S_____ through in what he D_____ and how he A_____.

The genuinely repentant, will also L_____ & help his fellow man (cf. Ja.2.15–17; I Jn.3.17; 4.20).

No person is saved B_____ good works, but every believer is saved F_____ good works.

He appeals to the N_____ M_____ & carefully avoids anything that is offensive to man’s;

2. D_____ [CREED]

Superficially it seems biblical & orthodox – but the absence of a strong, C_____ theology is obvious.
The false shepherd’s W_____ T_____ heaven, & their W_____ O_____ living will never be according to God’s standards.

The creed of false prophets never has a N_____ gate or a narrow way.

There is no brokenness over sin & no longing after R_____.

They want to hear illusions, not T_____.

They are enamored with P_____ & fantasy & resent being confronted with anything condemnatory.

False prophets talk –

- + much about the love of God
 - but nothing of His H_____,
- + much about what God will give to us
 - but nothing about O_____ to Him,
- + much about health & happiness
 - but nothing about H_____ & sacrifice.

3. F_____ [CONVERTS]

False shepherds they teach & promote what the majority of people want to H_____ & believe (II Ti.4.3).

False prophets attract false believers - a sort of negative P_____ for the Church (II Th.2.10–12).

CONCLUSION:

“so then, you will know them by their fruits”