

Discerning False Spiritual Teachers

The little New Testament book of *2 Peter* says that not all spiritual teachers are to be believed. Peter urges us to listen with discernment.

But how can we recognize false spiritual teachers? Some characteristics:

- They are proud and arrogant, bragging about themselves with empty boasting.
- They are often secretly involved with immoral practices. ("Relevant!" -- noted Win, AO Editor)
- They cause Christ and his teaching to be viewed negatively by non-believers. Outsiders often can see more clearly deception and hypocrisy, while fellowship participants remain oblivious.
- Their greed for wealth leads them to lie. But their lifestyles show their inner thinking.
- They promise freedom, but are themselves slaves to sin and corrupt practices.

Coffee/tea thought: Give me a discerning heart to know whether someone I hear has the Spirit of Truth or the spirit of deception. (*1 John 4.6*)

John

Read passage: *2 Peter 2*

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分辨假师傅

新约中的一本小书彼得后书教我们不是所有的属灵教师都是可信的。彼得劝勉我们听的时候要有些分辨。

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- 他们常常私下里有不道德的行为。（正中要害！——AO编辑，Win）
- 他们使基督和他的教导在还没有信主的人中间被毁谤。旁观者清，当局者迷。
- 他们因贪财而说谎。但他们的生活方式显出他们的真实光景。
- 他们许人自由，但他们自己却是罪和败坏的奴仆。

随想：给我聪明叫我可以分辨出谁有真理的灵谁有谬妄的灵（约翰一书4：6）。

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