

Questions

1. False teaching ultimately leads people away from the centrality of Jesus and His gospel. What's a subtle form of such teaching that you've heard that neglects a key aspect of the gospel (sin, judgement, atonement, faith, grace)?
2. What does Scripture indicate about the insidious nature of false teaching? Why can it be such a subtle threat?
3. What resources has God supplied to protect His people from false teachers and how does each one function?
4. What would be some key elements that a believer should look for in a Christian sermon, podcast, or book?
5. In Matthew 7:16, Jesus said, "You will recognize them by their fruits." What are some examples of fruit?
6. Read Hebrews 13:7, 17-18. What are some ways that we are called to relate to our elders? How can you be praying for them this week?
7. How are you seeking to improve your own ability to discern truth from error?

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The King's Manifesto

The Sermon on the Mount

Beware of Deceivers

Matthew 7:15-20

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In this passage, Jesus warns of the serious danger of false teachers and gives His followers two forms of protection.

Matthew 7:15-20 forms an important link between two sections (7:13-14 and 7:20-23)

One of the chief dangers Jesus explained is the insidious nature of false teaching. It often arises from within the community of those who profess faith in Christ (1 Tim. 4:1-2; Acts 20:29-30).

Satan is at the core of false teaching (John 8:44)

Two Protections God Has Designed for His People:

1. Resources (God's Word, His Spirit, Shepherds)

2. Reality of their lives (7:16)