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A Dangerous Ecumenical Expansion -2

Dr. Warren Wiersbe

"How do you know if you're hearing the voice of a false teacher? When we're surrounded by voices on the news, podcast, books, and social media, how do we discern between the truth and a lie? People are easily deceived by all kinds of teaching. They will believe anything, especially if it motivates self-promotion, hustling to be more or make more. If it inspires us to feel good, it must be worth pursuing. But here's the thing – I know what it is to trust your feelings; however, feelings often lead us down the wrong path creating discord and destroying relationships. What we can trust is the truth, and that is Jesus. He said, "I AM the truth" (John 14:6b). You cannot live for God in these days of apostasy unless you have a knowledge of the Word of God. Real knowledge is knowing Jesus Christ. And when you know the truth, you can discern a lie. With the overwhelming amount of "Christian" leaders, we must be more alert than ever to know if they're proclaiming a Scriptural truth or a subtle lie."

Identifying a False Teacher:

In 2 Peter 2:1-3, Peter warns against the destructive heresy and false words. According to Warren Wiersbe, false teachers are identified by their deceitfulness, denial, sensually, and greed. False teachers have SOME true doctrine and generally believe some things that are true. That's why they're so dangerous. Jesus said, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves" (Mt. 7:15). Jesus goes on to say we'll be able to tell them by their fruit. Fruit trees don't start producing right away – they take years! It may take a while to see fruit or the absence of it but eventually the truth will come out.

Dangerous Doctrine:

"A false teacher forces you to make a choice between his doctrine and the doctrines of the true Christian faith. His (or her) message is false and their methods are false. They simply lay their false teachings alongside the truth and give the impression that they believe the fundamentals of the faith. Before long, they remove the true doctrine and leave their false doctrine in place. There are false teachers everywhere and if we do not KNOW God who is truth, how can we discern between the truth and a lie? Countless "Christians" are preaching the gospel of self-fulfillment. Jen Pollock Michel describes it like this – Happiness is our only duty today, self-betrayal our only sin. This is what people want to hear and they're following by the millions. The average church member doesn't know the gospel when he hears it. Study your Bible. Don't trust what someone else says. Don't trust me. Read the Bible for yourself and pray for insight and wisdom and direct revelation from God Himself living inside you. And examine yourself to see whether or not you are in the faith."

Fake Leaders:

“The Greek word for feigned in 2 Peter 2:3 is plastos, from where we get our word plastic. You can buy almost anything in plastic because plastic can be molded into every possible shape. These false teachers use our vocabulary, but they don’t have our dictionary! They’ll fit their words to the people to whom they’re speaking. They can bring any type of message to any kind of crowd like it’s a mold and they’ll accommodate themselves to it. Satan is using the same method to deceive believers. Satan and his ministers are liars and use the Bible to deceive. He questions God’s word. He denies God’s word. And he substitutes with his own lie. Because of technology, we have a multitude of voices, from the news to the internet to television, wanting to fill our minds with their words. Some are true. Many are false. Make sure YOU know the difference.”

(Warren W. Wiersbe – 1929 – 2019)

Warren W. Wiersbe was a well known international Bible conference teacher with a heart for missions and a former pastor of Moody Church in Chicago. He served for ten years as General Director and Bible teacher for Back to the Bible. Dr. Wiersbe authored more than 80 books, including the bestselling “BE” series.

Our Culture Is Corrupting The Church:

The Lord Jesus sent His Church into the world to be the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world.” But the opposite is happening all over America. Timely examples:

- . “God wants me to be happy” has replaced “God wants me to be holy.”**
- . “My personal fulfillment” has replaced “Till death do we part.”**
- . “I attend my church because of the contemporary music and message.”**
It has replaced the old hymns and messages on the “Old paths and good way.”
- . “God wants me to have “My Best Life Now” rather than “If I suffer with Him, I will reign with Him.”**

Your Best Life Now catapulted Joel Osteen to new heights of exposure and influence. Barbara Waters declared him one of her “Ten Most Fascinating People of 2006 and in that same year readers of Church Report Magazine name him “Most Influential Christian in 2006.” In his book “Your Best Life Now” is a promise that’s yours in following these 7 steps: (1) Enlarge Your Vision (2) Develop a Healthy Self-Image (3) Discover the Power of Your Thoughts and Words (4) Let God of the Past (5) Find Strength Through Adversity (6) Live to Give (7) Choose to Be Happy. OSTEEN CITES NOT A WORD OF HOW TO BE BORN AGAIN AND ESCAPE A DEVIL’S HELL.

“Woe Unto You When All Men Speak Well Of You”

The Lord Jesus gave us this warning, “Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! For so did their fathers to the false prophets” (Luke 6:26). The prophet Jeremiah warned us about such false teachers and prophets, (Jer. 5:31) “The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will you do in the end thereof? “If all men speak well of us, that means that we have accomplished nothing for the Lord. Paul had many enemies, and so did Christ Himself, as have all fruitful Christians through the ages” (Dr. Henry Morris).

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