

## **BEWARE OF FALSE DOCTRINE**

### **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

1. 1 Timothy 1:18-20. What is Timothy told to do concerning his work? What is the description of the faith of some who had rejected the truth?
2. 2 Timothy 2:16-18. What are the results of worldly and empty chatter?
3. 1 Timothy 1:3-4: What was Timothy to remain at Ephesus and do?
4. Galatians 1:8-9: What is the result of a man or angel who preaches a different gospel from that delivered by the Apostles? Why do you think this is repeated?
5. 2 Timothy 4:1-5: Name the various things Timothy's preaching was to comprise. What is meant by the analogy of "itching ears" or "ears" that they want to have "tickled"? What will false brethren do to satisfy this desire?
6. Ephesians 4:11-16: In verse 14, does the writer literally mean children? If not, what does he mean? According to verse 15, what two things are we expected to do?

7. Acts 17:11: What did the Bereans do to ensure what was being taught was accurate?
  
8. 2 Timothy 2:15: What is required to be a worker that is approved by God who handles (rightly divides) the word?
  
9. 2 Corinthians 11:14-15: How do false teachers and even Satan transform themselves?
  
10. Acts 18:24-28: Did Apollos seem sincere in what he was teaching? Did he have a complete knowledge of truth? What did Aquilla and Priscilla do with him?
  
11. Acts 20:28-32: What did Paul warn the Ephesian elders would happen after he left them? What illustrates the extent and depth of Paul's concern about this? What two things did Paul commend to them?
  
12. Acts 15: What did the men from Judea and believers among the Pharisees teach that led to a dispute among Christians in Antioch of Syria? Did Paul and Barnabas have any concerns about this teaching? How was this dispute resolved and what was the result?

This is one listing of Bible passages that are in some way related to false teachers, false doctrines, deception, deceptive doctrines, proper conduct in religion, etc. All quotes are from the King James Version of the Bible. It is not an exhaustive list as there are surely others that can be included. However, these are listed so that we can be impressed with the seriousness of following false doctrines and of the consequences associated with them.

**1 John 4:1** - Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

**1 Timothy 6:3-5** - If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, [even] the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

**2 Peter 2:1** - But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

**Ephesians 5:11** - And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove [them].

**2 Timothy 3:5** - Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

**2 Corinthians 11:13-15** - For such [are] false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

**Jude 1:4** - For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 John 4:1-6** - Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

**2 Timothy 3:13** - But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

**1 John 4:1-3** - Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

**1 John 2:26-27** - These [things] have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

**2 Peter 2:1-3** - But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

**Romans 16:18** - For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

**Romans 16:17** - Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

**Jude 1:12-13** - These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds [they are] without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

**2 John 1:7-11** - For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

**Acts 25:7** - And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove.

**Acts 20:29** - For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

**Acts 17:5-7** - But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

**Acts 6:13** - And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

**Matthew 26:59-61** - Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;

**Matthew 7:15** - Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

**Jeremiah 23:1-40** - Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.

**1 Kings 21:13** - And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, [even] against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

**Leviticus 19:12** - And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I [am] the LORD.

**Genesis 3:1** - Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

**1 Peter 2:9** - But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

**Titus 1:10-16** - For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

**2 Timothy 2:15** - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

**1 Timothy 3:15** - But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

**1 Timothy 1:10** - For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

**1 Timothy 1:9** - Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

**Galatians 3:10** - For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed [is] every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

**Galatians 1:6-9** - I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

**2 Corinthians 11:4** - For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or [if] ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with [him].

**1 Corinthians 14:33** - For God is not [the author] of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

**Romans 14:1-23** - Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, [but] not to doubtful disputations.

**Acts 25:8** - While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all.

**Acts 20:29-31** - For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

**Acts 17:11** - These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Given the numerous warnings against false teachers and false doctrines, does it matter what you believe? Is sincerity alone sufficient?