

***The New Normal***  
***Preparing for the Coming Judgment***  
***Matthew 7:13-29***

***ONE THING***

***In light of the REALITY of ETERNITY, we must know our DESTINY with CERTAINTY!***

***Jesus – Sermon on the Mount***

- ***This is Jesus' teaching on Kingdom living here on earth...***

***In Chapter 6 He gives us the Lord's Prayer then teaching on fasting...***

***Chapter 7 begins with one of the most familiar, yet misunderstood passages in all of Jesus' teachings...***

***Matthew 7:1 (ESV) — Judge not, that you be not judged.***

***Some have used this as a response anytime they are living in open sin and someone points it out to them...***

***I've titled today's message, "Preparing for the Coming Judgment".***

***Last week I titled my message, "The Judgment of Grace"...***

***We are living in the TIME OF GRACE...***

***The Lord opened the door to eternal life with Him for ALL who give their lives to Jesus...***

***But there is coming a day when that door will be closed...***

***Luke 13:23–25 (ESV) — And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.'***

***Hebrews 9:27 (ESV) — ... It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment***

***In the coming judgment, there is NO GREY SPACE!***

***There are ONLY TWO GROUPS of people...***

- ***Those spending an eternity WITH the Lord***
- ***Those spending an eternity SEPARATED from the Lord...***
  
- ***Those sheep separated and placed on the right side of Jesus ...***
- ***Those goats separated and placed on the left side of Jesus ...***
  
- ***Those welcomed into the Kingdom of God...***
- ***Those remaining in the Kingdom of Darkness...***
  
- ***Those entering heaven...***
- ***Those entering hell...***

***How can we know?***

***What must we know?***

***In closing His Sermon on the Kingdom of God, Jesus gives FOUR WAY of knowing whether a person is going to spend eternity with the Lord or separated from the Lord...***

***I am going to walk through these by offering a list of FOUR QUESTIONS...***

***Question #1:  
Am I ON the right PATH?***

***Matthew 7:13–14 (ESV) — Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.***

***Proverbs 14:12 (ESV) — There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.***

***Proverbs 21:2 (NLT) — People may be right in their own eyes, but the LORD examines their heart.***

***Proverbs 16:2 (NLT) — People may be pure in their own eyes, but the LORD examines their motives.***

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***Question #2:***

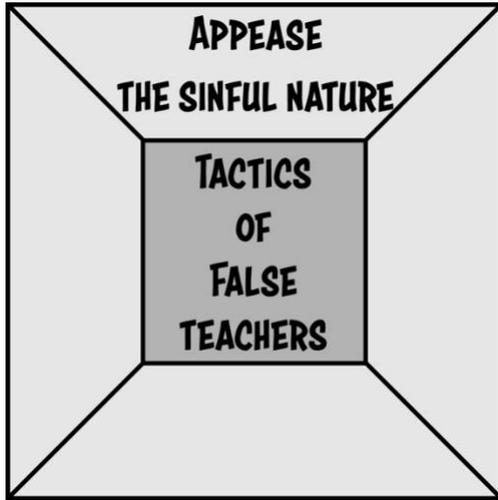
***Am I FOLLOWING the right TEACHERS?***

***Matthew 7:15–20 (ESV) — Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.***

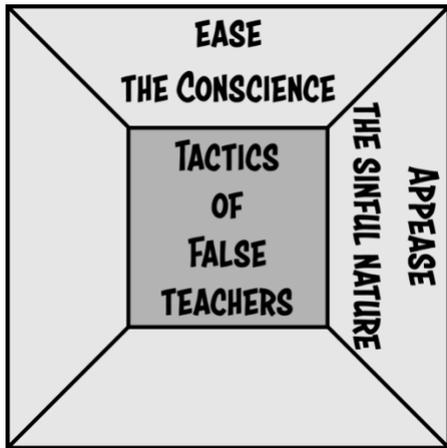
***Jude 3–4 (ESV) — Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.***

***→ TACTICS OF FALSE TEACHERS...***

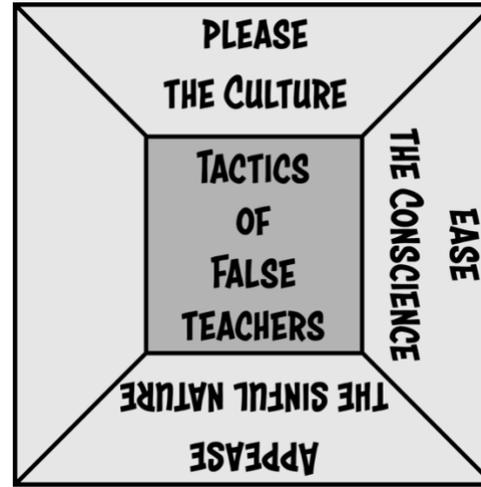
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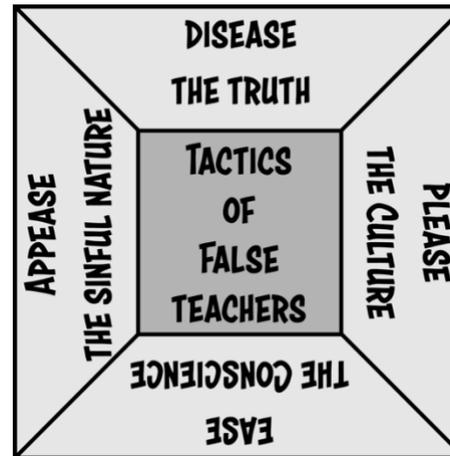
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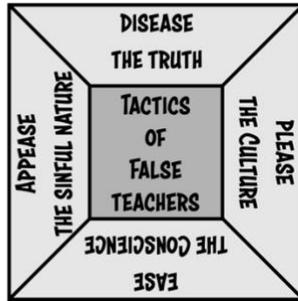


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## POPULARITY

MAKE A NAME  
FOR THEMSELVES

DRAW A BIG  
FOLLOWING

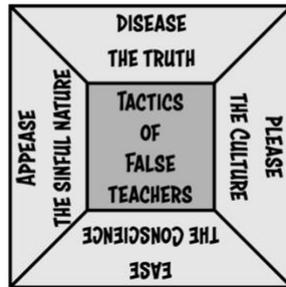


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## PERSONAL GAIN

MAKE A LOT  
OF MONEY

HAVE A LOT  
OF POWER

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### ***Question #3:***

***Am I EXPERIENCING the right RELATIONSHIP?***

***Matthew 7:21–23 (ESV) — 21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”***

***John 17:3 (ESV) — 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.***

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### ***Question #4:***

***Am I BUILDING on the right FOUNDATION?***

***Matthew 7:24–27 (ESV) — 24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods***

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***came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”***

***1 Corinthians 3:11 (ESV) — For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.***

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**Question #2:**

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**Question #3:**

**Am I \_\_\_\_\_ the right \_\_\_\_\_?**

**Question #4:**

**Am I \_\_\_\_\_ on the right \_\_\_\_\_?**