

HOW TO SPOT A FALSE TEACHER

2 Peter 2:17-22

1. They tend to be overly theatrical

These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm. For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved. For, speaking loud boasts of folly... (17-18)

2. They make you feel comfortable in your sin

...they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error. (18)

3. They do not practice what they preach

They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. (19)

4. They teach people about Jesus but don't point people to Jesus

For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. (20-21)

5. They tend to be isolated and private

What the true proverb says has happened to them: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire." (22)