

Exiles: 2 Peter

2:12-22

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2 Peter 2:12-16

*These false teachers are like, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed. They **scoff at things they do not understand**, and like animals, they will be destroyed. Their destruction is their reward for the harm they have done. They love to **indulge in evil pleasures in broad daylight**. They are a disgrace and a stain among you. They **delight in deception** even as they eat with you in your fellowship meals. They **commit adultery** with their eyes, and their **desire for sin** is never satisfied. They **lure unstable people into sin**, and they are **well trained in greed**. They live under God's curse. They have wandered off the right road and followed the footsteps of Balaam son of Beor, who loved to earn money by doing wrong. But Balaam was stopped from his mad course when his donkey rebuked him with a human voice.*

Character Traits of False Teachers:

1. Prideful
2. Lustful
3. Greedy

1 John 2:16 (NLT)

*For the world offers only a **craving for physical pleasure**, a **craving for everything we see**, and **pride in our achievements and possessions**. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.*

1 Timothy 6:10

*For the **love of money** is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

Hebrews 13:5

*Don't love money; **be satisfied** with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."*

Our soul finds an Anchor when we are CONTENT / SATISFIED

1 Timothy 6:6

*But **godliness with contentment is great gain.***

1 Peter 2:17-19

*These people are as **useless** as dried-up springs or as mist blown away by the wind. They are **doomed** to blackest darkness. They **brag about themselves** with empty, foolish boasting. With an appeal to **twisted sexual desires**, they lure back into sin those who have barely escaped from a lifestyle of deception. They **promise freedom**, but they themselves are **slaves of sin and corruption**. For you are a slave to whatever controls you.*

Believers have no room for ARROGANCE or EMPTY PROMISES.

Matthew 23:15

What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you cross land and sea to make one convert, and then you turn that person into twice the child of hell you yourselves are!

1 John 4:1

Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world.

2 Peter 2:20-22

And when people escape from the wickedness of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and then get tangled up and enslaved by sin again, they are worse off than before. It would be better if they had never known the way to righteousness than to know it and then reject the command they were given to live a holy life. They prove the truth of this proverb: "A dog returns to its vomit." And another says, "A washed pig returns to the mud."

The greatest danger we face...REJECTING the gospel in order to chase our own APPETITES.

Talk about it:

1. We all get “that vibe” that makes us uncomfortable with certain people - what are some relational “red flags” for you?
2. What areas of life do you think most people struggle to find “contentment”? Why?
3. We have talked about Prayer, Pages, and People as a way of knowing truth, how can those help us steer clear of “arrogance and empty promises”?
4. This week: how can you encourage someone toward freedom in Christ vs. slavery to “our own appetites?”