

FINDING **FALSE** TEACHING — IN THE — FLOCK

Beware of false prophets,
who come to you in
sheep's clothing, but
inwardly they are
ravenous wolves.

MATTHEW 7:15



How to Spot a False Teacher — 5 Biblical Marks

They twist Scripture

2 Corinthians 4:2

"But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully..."

They serve themselves

2 Peter 2:3

***"By covetousness they will exploit you with
deceptive words..."***

They avoid sound doctrine

2 Timothy 4:3-4 (NKJV) hits this head-on:

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables."

Their fruit is rotten

Matthew 7:16

"You will know them by their fruits."

**They deny core truths of
the Gospel**

1 Corinthians 15:1-3

How to Respond to False Teachers

Mark and Avoid Them

Romans 16:17 (NKJV):

"Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them."

Hold to Sound Doctrine

Titus 1:9 (NKJV) says:

"...holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict."

Correct with Truth — When Possible

Jude 20-23

Keep Watch Over Yourself – and Your Church

Acts 20:28-30

"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock... For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things..."