



Good and Bad Trees

Mt. 7:15-20

Living Upside Down

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What this message is about:

Jesus warns his listeners that even when choosing to walk

on the right path, we will encounter deceptive, false leaders.

Purpose of this message:

To enable us to discern between true and false teaching and teachers

1. The Warning: Beware of false prophets

- a. They are _____
- b. They claim to _____
- c. They are _____

Mt. 7:15

Rom. 16:17-18

2. The method of _____

Mt. 7:16-20

Gal. 5:19-24

3. The _____ for false prophets

Mt. 7:19

Mt. 18:5-6

2Pet. 2:1-3

Next Step:

This week carefully read through Galatians 5:19-24. Ask yourself which one of these scenarios represents the trajectory of your own life and the lives of those you have chosen to follow. Do you know genuine faith and teaching when you see it and are you practicing what you know?

LOOKING BACK

❶ Read Mt. 7:15-20 three times. What impact does the repeated reading have with you?

2 How does this fit into the context of what comes before in chapter 7?

3 How does the illustration of the good and bad tree connect with the rest of the Sermon on the Mount?

4 What kind of false teaching have you encountered in your Christian walk? What were the results? Do you feel like you have ever been “taken in?”

6 Read Mt. 18:5-6. Discuss the severity of Jesus’ words and how it relates to what we see here in chapter 7.