

The Depravity of False Teachers (2 Peter 2:9-16)

"But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. (2)I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, (3)for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?"

1 Corinthians 3:1–3

(ESV)

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When Christians yield to the old nature

CONSEQUENCE	VERSE(S)
Lack power	Gal. 5:16; 1 Thes. 5:19
Grieve the Spirit	Eph. 4:30-32
Loss of joy	Ps. 51:4,12; Gal. 5:22-23
Indifferent to salvation	2 Pet. 1:8-10
No growth	1 Pet. 2:1-2
Unfruitful	John 15:5,8
Lack of purpose	Ecc. 1:2-3,8; Mark 8:35
Lack of stability	Gal. 3:3; 2 Tim. 2:18; 2 Pet. 3:17
Conviction	2 Pet. 2:7-8; Ps. 32:1-5

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Divine discipline	Heb. 12:5-11; Rev. 3:19
Death	Acts 5:1-11; 1 Cor. 11:30
Loss of reward	1 Cor. 3:15; 9:27; Rev. 3:11
Loss of fellowship	1 John 1:9
Removal from church	1 Cor. 5:4-5; Matt. 18:15-17
Temporal pain/loss	Gal. 6:7-8
Unanswered prayer	Ps. 66:18; 1 Pet. 3:7
Loss of testimony	Gen. 19:14
Loss of position/office	1 Tim. 3:1-13; 2 Sam. 12

"and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. (24)And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.'"

Luke 16:23–24 (ESV)

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"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."

Galatians 5:16 (ESV)

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"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' (28) But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (29) If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell."

Matthew 5:27–29 (ESV)

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"I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze
at a virgin?"

Job 31:1 (ESV)

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"And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, (12)to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, (13)until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, (14)so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. (15)Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, (16)from Whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love."

Ephesians 4:11–16 (ESV)

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"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, (17)that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

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"preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."

2 Timothy 4:2 (ESV)

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"But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. (10)For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs."

1 Timothy 6:9–10 (ESV)

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"But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, (5)'Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?' (6)He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it."

John 12:4–6 (ESV)

"Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests (15) and said, 'What will you give me if I deliver Him over to you?' And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. (16) And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray Him."

Matthew 26:14–16 (ESV)

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