

Prayer Concerns:**A Tree and Its Fruit**

Matthew 7:15-23 [page 1506]

How to Recognize False Prophets

You can recognize a false prophet by their _____.

This means paying attention their _____ and _____.

False prophets seek to _____ and _____.

False prophets are not _____; they intentionally _____.

Avoid False Prophets

We ought to _____ of those who claim to speak God's Word, but whose _____ or the _____ says otherwise.

False Disciples

1. False disciples honor God with their _____, while true disciples honor God with their _____.
1. False disciples trust their _____ instead of the _____. They perform their actions _____ of a personal relationship with Jesus.
2. God's will is that _____ people would be _____ through _____ and a _____ relationship with _____.

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. What do you put your trust in?

Digging Deeper:

Read Matthew 7:15-23

1. Is there anything the Lord brings to mind as you read this passage? Do you have any questions about this passage?
2. What do you think is most dangerous about false prophets? How can you be on guard against being misled in your own life?
3. Read Galatians 5:19-23. What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit (good fruit)? What are the fruits of the flesh (bad fruit)? How can you recognize these fruits in yourself and others?
4. What do false disciples trust in? Why were they turned away? Do you find it hard to trust in Jesus for your salvation? Do you ever “perform” to try and be good enough for Him?

5. Read Matthew 7:21-23. What does the example of the false disciples teach you about a works-based righteousness? Is there a place for works in the Christian life? How so? If yes, why or why not?
6. What do you think the will of God is? What does it mean that only those who do the will of the Father can enter the Kingdom of Heaven?

Taking it Home:

1. How can you be proactive about sharing the Gospel with people in your life this week? Write several names of people you want to witness to this week.