

“Standing Firm in the Grace of God Series”

Lesson #14 “The Resume of a False Teacher”

2 Peter 2:10-22

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:17-18 “You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of Unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

Introduction:

Resume’s are a really important tool for a person seeking a job. There is a lot of thinking that goes behind a resume. Choosing the right words to describe yourself, knowing what to leave out, picking a good format and even choosing the right texture and color of the paper.

You see, Employers, weighed down by busy schedules use resume’ as a screening process. Employers want to look at a resume’ in a matter of minutes and see a snap shot of who you are, your educational background, your experience and what you can bring to the table.

But, resume’s are not always written down. A written resume is not usually required by a person who personally know the employer they are seeking a job from, because the employer already know who they are.

What I am saying is that if you truly know me you see a resume of me in your mind. You know my strengths and my weakness, you know my past and my present.

Who I am is a conglomeration of my life experience, my choices, my education, my morals and the whole of my actions.

Transitional Statement:

Church, God wants us to be able to identify false teachers. He wants us to know their attitudes, mindsets, characteristics and their agenda. He wants us to be able to pick them out from a line up with zero hesitation. So today we are going to check out a typical resume of a false teacher. Remembering that God wants us to stay away from them, because what is false will destroy us.

Read: 2 Peter 2:10-22

Lesson:

I. False Teachers are caught up in the external

10 and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires

- A. The “and” links us back to keeping the unrighteous under punishment
- B. Indulging in the flesh has to do with running after what is carnal, or temporal as opposed to seeking the spiritual.

1. Symbolically seeking that which is external
 - a. What we can see, taste and touch
 2. Not caring for the spiritual
- C. The Greek further lends to the idea of walking in the direction of contamination.

II. False Teachers despise authority

and despise authority.

- A. They don't want to submit in anyway
 1. To God
 2. To His word
 3. To parents
 4. To Elders
 - * They see submission as a position of inferiority
- B. They want to lead
 1. Because they see leadership as power
 - a. Not as humble service
- C. And they move against whatever stands in their way.

III. False Teachers lack healthy fear

Daring.

- A. Short on some fear that they should have
 1. Like Evil Knievel
- B. Not tempered by any kind of restraint
 1. They like flirting with disaster
 2. Not listening to caution

IV. False Teachers have their own agenda

self-willed.

- A. Seek what they want and not what God wants
- B. They work diligently at establishing a support base around them (Verse 2)
- C. Everything to evolve around them

V. False Teachers are judgmental

they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties, 11 whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

- A. Even make judgments in the spiritual realm where they haven't even been.
- B. Never wrong
 - 1. I've got the keys to kingdom
 - a. A sure sign of a false teacher

VI. False Teachers are irrational

12 But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed, 13 suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong.

- A. False teachers are like animals, beasts of the fields
 - 1. They are unable to reason
 - 2. They serving no real purpose except as food for our tables.
 - * Basically useless as far as eternity is concerned.
- B. And it is with the same mindset of an animal that they speak against what they don't really know.
- C. So, False Teachers will meet the same useless end as the animals of the fields.

VII. False Teachers like to distract people from the truth

They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime.

- A. They find delight in reveling
 - 1. Reveling is the breaking down or weakening of the mind by indulgence in luxury, and sensual pleasures.
 - 2. Basically they love distracting people from the truth
- B. In day light
 - 1. Without shame

VIII. False Teachers love the deception

They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, as they carouse with you,

- A. Representing what is unclean...culls
 - 1. Not acceptable sacrifices to God (Deut. 17:1)
- B. Making sport of Deceiving
 - 1. It's a game to them
 - 2. And they even use it against their own kind
 - a. Deceit has no loyalty
- C. And all this as they try to blend in with you

IX. False Teachers don't like boundaries

14 having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin,

- A. They do not recognize or care about the boundaries of God
- B. Purity, Commitment and loyalty whether to each or to God, mean nothing
- C. They continue in sin
- D. And they are defiled

X. False Teachers take advantage of the weak

enticing unstable souls,

- A. They target the weak to build their coalition
- B. They Entice them by laying traps
 - 1. Sneaky
 - 2. Operating from the shadows
- C. Wolves in Sheep's Clothing

XI. False Teachers are Greedy

having a heart trained in greed, accursed children; 15 forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; 16 but he received a rebuke for his own transgression, for a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.

- A. Their hearts are "trained" or have much practice with greed
 - 1. They care only for their own outcome
- B. Usually a dollar sign or some kind of gain is connected somewhere.
 - 1. Like the prophet Balaam who was willing to sell out Israel for a buck
 - 2. And had to be restrained by a donkey
- C. These are folks are manipulators by heart
 - 1. Always maneuvering for some gain

XII. False Teachers are superficial

17 These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black darkness has been reserved.

- A. They have great allurements
 - 1. People come to them in hope
 - 2. But they are empty
- B. They are only a false front
 - 1. Like a great storm cloud that only yields a sprinkle

XIII. False Teachers are arrogant

18 For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error,

- B. Arrogant...
 - 1. Know-it-alls....
 - 2. Gum flappers
- C. They fancy themselves better than everyone else

XIV. False Teachers are hypocrites

19 promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

- A. They promise the very thing they don't have
 - 1. i.e. from the pits of slavery....they claim to know the way of freedom
- B. Their very lives are a contradiction to truth

XV. False Teachers destroy people

20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. 21 For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them.

- A. Weak hearted Christians, struggling in their faith, who get lured away from the truth by false teachers find themselves worse off than they were before.
- B. You see, it would have been better for them to have never known the way of righteousness than to know it and turn away from it.

XVI. False Teaching is a vicious cycle

22 *It has happened to them according to the true proverb, " A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire."*

- A. They take something into their lives that makes them sick, so their bodies reject it (vomit)...and then they eat the vomit which made them sick to begin with.
- B. I'm headed for destruction and nothing is going to stop me.

Conclusion:

-Of False Teachers Jesus says:

"By their fruits you will know them (Matthew 7:16)

-But, on the other side is the Apostles Resume

- 1. Focused on the Spiritual**
- 2. Submit to God**
- 3. They fear God**
- 4. Seek God's Will**
- 5. They are Gracious**
- 6. Rational, men of reason**
- 7. Point people to God's Truths**
- 8. Love Honesty and Integrity**
- 9. Respect God's boundaries**
- 10. Help the Weak**
- 11. Help fill other peoples needs**
- 12. Are Genuine**
- 13. Humble**
- 14. Stand behind what they say**
- 15. They build people up**
- 16. They learn from their error**

***Philippians 3:17 "Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us."**