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- I. Jesus' Serious Warning about False Teachers (15a)
 - A. Those who direct people to the worship of false gods (Deut. 13:1-5).
 - B. Those who claim to direct people to the true God but who ...
 - 1) Champion a false source of authority
 - Deut. 13:4-5; Is. 8:20; 1 John 4:6; 2 John 9-10
 - 2) Teach a false Christ or a false gospel.
 - 2 John 9; Gal. 1:8-9
 - 3) Encourage a lifestyle of license.
 - Jer. 23:14, 17; cf. Eph. 5:6; Rev. 2:20-23
 - 4) Promote legalism & asceticism.
 - Matt. 23:13-23; Col. 2:21-22; 1 Tim. 4:1-3
 - 5) Consistently tell people what they want to hear.
 - Jer. 23:16-18, 21-22; Micah 3:5; 2 Tim. 4:3

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- I. Jesus' Serious Warning about False Teachers (15a)
- II. The Real Danger with False Teachers (15b)
- III. The True Nature of False Teachers (15c)
 - They love to prey on...
 - Young, immature believers (Eph. 4:14-15)
 - Unbelievers seeking freedom (2 Pet. 2:18-19)
 - The poor, disadvantaged, and desperate (Mark 12:40)
 - Weak, sinful people (2 Tim. 3:6; 2 Pet. 2:14)
- IV. The Accurate Identification of False Teachers (16-20)
 - A. Their fruit reveals their true nature.

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- Character & Conduct
- Content
- Converts