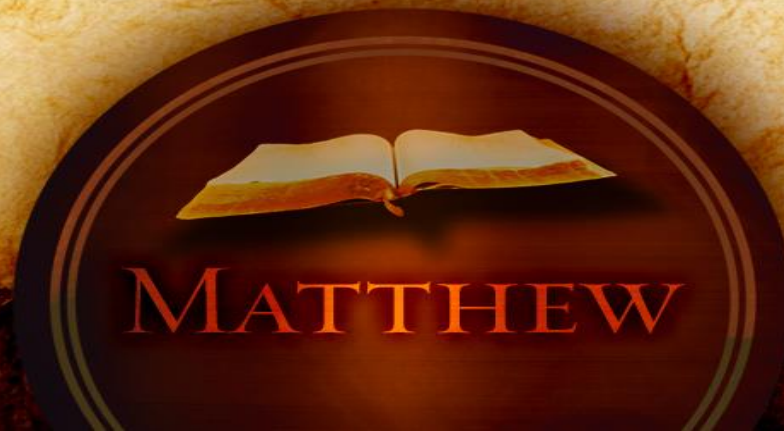




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Beware of False Prophets

*Part 2*







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They came to:

The Churches in **Galatia**: “I marvel that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ for a different gospel.” (Gal. 1:6))

The Church at **Antioch**: “But this was because of the false brothers secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy out our freedom which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to enslave us.”(Gal. 2:4)

The Church in **Corinth**: “For such men are false apostles and deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.” (2 Cor. 11:13)





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## 2 Peter 2:1

“But False prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.”





## Jude 4

“For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.”





# Jude 12

“These are the men who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear.”





### 3 Preliminary ways to guard against false shepherds.

1. Keep your antennae up. (Beware!)
2. Watch your walk.
3. Know the Word.





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# Matthew 7:18

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# Doctrine of Regeneration

Ezek. 36:26-27 “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to do My judgments.”

2 Cor 5:17 “Therefore if anyone is in Chxrist he is a new creation; the old things passed away behold new things have come.”





## John 15:4-5

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# Luke 6:45

The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil.





“Is their life holy, is their teaching sound, and does it make their pupils wiser and better? Those tests will show what they are inwardly and really.”

John Broadus





## 4 Things to look at:

- 1) His Ministry.
- 2) His Motivation.
- 3) His Message
- 4) His Morality