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**2 PETER 2:1-4, 10-19**

# **FALSE PROPHETS FALSE TEACHERS**

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# A QUIZ ON

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**2 Peter 2:2** Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute.

A hand holding a stack of money, symbolizing greed.

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**2 Peter 2:9** if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.

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**2 Peter 2:10** This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority. Bold and arrogant, they are not afraid to heap abuse on celestial beings;

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**2 Peter 2:10-14** ..... With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed—an accursed brood!

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**2 Peter 2:15** They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Bezer, who loved the wages of wickedness

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**2 Peter 2:18** For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of the flesh, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error.

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**2 Peter 2:19** They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for “people are slaves to whatever has mastered them”



# **Authentic** or Counterfeit ?





# 1. Different Source —

## Where does the message come from?

**..we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ..(1:16).**

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***In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories (2:3)***

## 2. Different Message — What is the substance of the message?

**His divine power we have everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him” (1:3)**

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***“They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them” (2:1).***



### 3. Different Position —

In what position will the message leave you ?

escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires (1:4)

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## 4. Different Character —

What kind of people does the message produce?

make every effort to add .. goodness  
..knowledge ..self-control ..perseverance  
..godliness ..mutual affection, love (1:5-7)

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*follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority. Bold and arrogance .. abuse on celestial beings (2:10)*

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## 5. Different Appeal — Why should you listen to the message?

... prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, (1:19)

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## **6. Different Fruit —** **What result does the message have in people's lives?**

**keep you from ineffective and  
unproductive in your knowledge of our  
Lord Jesus Christ (1:8)**

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***like a spring without water and  
mists driven by a storm (2:17a).***



## 7. Different End — Where does the message ultimately lead you ?

and you will receive a rich welcome  
into the eternal kingdom of our  
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (1:11)

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*bring swift destruction on themselves (2:1).  
Their condemnation has long been hanging  
over them and their destruction  
has not been sleeping (2:3).  
Blackest darkness is reserved for them (2:17)*



# **Matthew 7:21-23 (NIV)**

True and False Disciples

**21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.**

**22 Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name and in Your name drive out demons and in Your name perform many miracles?’**

**23 Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from Me, you evildoers!’**





# Wesleyan Quadrilateral (约翰卫斯理四柱论)

- **Scripture**
- **Tradition**
- **Reason**
- **Experience**



# 2 Peter 3:11

What kind of people  
ought you to be?  
You ought to live holy  
and godly lives

