

# The Christian Arsenal

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## What is a False Prophet?

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### Satan's Emissary's....

Who are they?

How do you know how to tell what a false prophet is?

What is my responsibility as a Christian?

Wow, those are some tall questions. Ones that every Christian will contemplate in the course of their spiritual maturation. But, the good news is that the Bible clearly tells us the answers to these questions.

- False Prophets are those who preach or teach anything contrary to the Word of God.  
**Matthew 7:15-16**  
*"Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. "You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they?"*  
**Galatians 3:1**  
*You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?*
- You can distinguish a false prophet's message by comparing it to what is clearly recorded in the Bible. Sometimes this is easy and other times you must dig deep and get some help from other's.  
**2 Timothy 2:14-16**  
*Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers. Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,*
- The Bible tells us that we, as Christians, must test the word of everyone who claims to be a prophet of God.  
**Acts 17:11**  
*Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.*

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### **Matthew 7: 15-23**

**15** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

**16** Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

**17** Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

**18** A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

**19** Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

**20** Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

**21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

**22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

**23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

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## False prophets can be divided into three categories. Heretics, Apostates and Deceivers.

- ◆ **Heretics:** Blatantly stand against the truth. They are flagrant and open about their anti-God teachings. (Such as [Madelyn Murray O'Hair](#), [Shirley MacLaine](#), [Cerinthus of Ephesus](#))
- ◆ **Apostates:** Know the truth, but turn their back on it. They teach anti-truths, with full knowledge of God's truth. [The Apostasy](#) (such as [Kenneth Copeland](#), [Rodney Howard-Browne](#))
- ◆ **Deceivers:** Will not acknowledge the truth. They are subtle and many times super religious. They, themselves are sometimes deceived. (Such as [Benny Hinn](#), [Paul Crouch](#), [Neil Anderson](#), [Bob Larson](#).)

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## Some Good Links

- ◆ [Deception in the Church](#) - Third Wave movement including counterfeit revivals of Kenneth Copeland, Benny Hinn, Rodney Howard-Browne, Vineyard, Kansas City Prophets, Toronto, etc.
- ◆ [Defending the Faith Once for All Entrusted to the Saints](#) - This sight is dedicated to propagating the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ [Different Gospels](#) - A Christian apologetics ministry dedicated to the proclamation of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in cyberspace. This website contains numerous apologetic, evangelistic, and devotional articles that seek to provide a rational basis for the validity of the Christian faith, and that apply Gospel principles to Christian life. It also contains important information on some of the major cults of today and methods by which informed Christians can present the gospel to cult members; and research on special theological topics of interest to Christians today.
- ◆ [Guides for Testing the Truth](#) - Today We hear of people testing the supernatural, by what they hear or see, by their experience, or by their feelings. If it feels good or right they "bear witness." Another way is by just accepting it by faith, since whatever is happening is inside the church, and therefore must be from God. NONE of these are a biblical measure for Truth and has more in common with the way the world operates, than the Church.
- ◆ [Heretics - The Importance of Orthodoxy](#) - Nothing more strangely indicates an enormous and silent evil of modern society than the extraordinary use which is made nowadays of the word "orthodox." In former days the heretic was proud of not being a heretic.
- ◆ [How to Recognize a Good Church](#) - Links to books and literature to help you find out what makes a good church.
- ◆ [Toxic Doctrines](#) - Doctrines that are detrimental to the spread of the Christian faith.
- ◆ [What is a Cult?](#) - Eight marks of organized heresy.
- ◆ [The Word of Faith Preachers - What They Teach](#) - An examination of the Word-Faith movement.

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## Broadcast Evangelists and Ministries with Aberrations from The Truth

(click on the name to see supporting materials)

\*\*Each of these ministries below have some doctrinal distinctives which are not Biblically based. Not all of their teachings are false, however, it can be very difficult for a Christian to discern God's truth from man's lies when they are so skillfully mixed.

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<a href="#">➔</a> <a href="#">Neil Anderson</a> - <i>Freedom in Christ Ministries</i> ( <a href="#">more info</a> )
<a href="#">➔</a> <a href="#">Rodney Howard-Browne</a> - <i>Revival Ministries International</i>
<a href="#">➔</a> <a href="#">Kenneth Copeland</a> - <i>Kenneth Copeland Ministries</i>
<a href="#">➔</a> <a href="#">Paul Crouch</a> - <i>Praise the Lord Ministries</i>
<a href="#">➔</a> <a href="#">Kenneth Hagin</a> - <i>Kenneth Hagin Ministries</i> ( <a href="#">more info</a> )
<a href="#">➔</a> <a href="#">John Hinkle</a> - <i>John Hinkle Ministries</i>
<a href="#">➔</a> <a href="#">Benny Hinn</a> - <i>This is Your Day Ministries</i> ( <a href="#">more info</a> ) ( <a href="#">more info</a> )
<a href="#">➔</a> <a href="#">E. W. Kenyon</a> - <i>Kenyon's Gospel Publishing Society</i>
<a href="#">➔</a> <a href="#">Bob Larson</a> - <i>Bob Larson Ministries</i> ( <a href="#">more info</a> )
<a href="#">➔</a> <a href="#">T.D. Jakes</a> - <i>T.D. Jakes Ministries</i> ( <a href="#">more info</a> )
<a href="#">➔</a> <a href="#">Kathryn Kuhlman</a> - <i>Kathryn Kuhlman Ministries</i>
<a href="#">➔</a> <a href="#">Joyce Meyer</a> - <i>Joyce Meyer Ministries</i>
<a href="#">➔</a> <a href="#">Rod Parsley</a> - <i>Breakthrough Ministries</i> ( <a href="#">more info</a> )