

## Part 6. Our Enemy

### Lesson 4: False Teaching and False Humility – A Biblical Perspective

#### Lesson Summary

Satan uses deception to draw believers away from Christ, often through **false teaching** and **false humility**. False teaching distorts God's Word, whether through prosperity gospel, legalism, or philosophies that undermine Christ (Col. 2:8; Gal. 1:6–9). Its dangers include deception, division, undermining Scripture, immaturity, moral compromise, and even demonic influence (Matt. 7:15; 2 Pet. 2:1–2; 1 Tim. 4:1). False humility pretends to be spiritual but is rooted in pride, relying on self-made religion, visions, or asceticism that neglect Christ as the true source (Col. 2:18–23; John 15:4). Both errors lead to bondage, but God calls believers to guard against them by knowing Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16–17), discerning by the Spirit (1 John 4:1), examining the heart (Ps. 139:23–24), staying rooted in Christ (Phil. 2:3–8), and walking in community (Prov. 27:17). True humility imitates Christ—anchored in truth, surrender, and grace. Only in Him can believers avoid deception and walk in freedom (John 8:32).

#### Key Takeaways

- **False teaching:** Distorts God's Word, misleads believers, and often promotes greed, division, or compromise (Matt. 7:15; 2 Pet. 2:1–2).
- **Modern examples:** Prosperity gospel, “positive confession,” and transactional seed-faith systems (Mark 11:23 misused).
- **False humility:** Pride disguised as spirituality—legalism, mystical experiences, or ascetic practices that distract from Christ (Col. 2:18–23).
- **Root issue:** Both stem from pride and deception, seeking to elevate man rather than Christ (Isa. 29:13).
- **Safeguards:** Scripture, the Spirit, self-examination, abiding in Christ, and accountability in community (2 Tim. 3:16–17; John 15:4).
- **True humility:** Following Christ's example of servanthood (Phil. 2:3–8).

#### Questions & Answers

1. **Q:** What is false teaching?  
**A:** Any teaching that contradicts Scripture and draws people away from Christ (Col. 2:8; Gal. 1:6–9).
2. **Q:** What are modern examples of false teaching?  
**A:** Prosperity gospel, positive confession, guaranteed wealth or healing doctrines, and seed-faith giving schemes.
3. **Q:** Why is false teaching dangerous?  
**A:** It deceives, divides, undermines Scripture, fosters immaturity, and can lead to moral compromise (2 Pet. 2:1–3).
4. **Q:** What is false humility?  
**A:** A prideful spirituality that relies on religious performance, mystical visions, or legalism instead of Christ (Col. 2:18–23).

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5. **Q:** Why is false humility deceptive?

**A:** It appears spiritual but neglects the true source of life—Christ Himself (John 15:4).

6. **Q:** How do we guard against deception?

**A:** By knowing the Word (2 Tim. 3:16–17), discerning by the Spirit (1 John 4:1), examining our hearts (Ps. 139:23–24), and staying rooted in Christ (Phil. 2:3–8).

7. **Q:** What marks true humility?

**A:** Following Christ's example of selfless service and obedience (Phil. 2:3–8).

**“False teaching distorts truth, and false humility disguises pride—but abiding in Christ keeps us grounded in truth, clothed in humility, and walking in freedom.”**