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Introduction

? Since we as humans can't read the heart of someone, what are some other ways that we try to determine what is going on inside of a person?

? What do we look for when we want to discern the motivation and condition of a person's heart?

1. Be on Guard (Matt. 7:15)

? What is the command found in verse 15?


? What is so nefarious about this threat to followers of Jesus?

? Application: Have you ever heard false teaching? What was the setting? How did you respond? Have you ever been fooled by false teaching? What made it so appealing?


2. Watch the Fruit (Matt. 7:16-23)

? According to Christ, how can His disciples recognize false teachers?


? What do Christians have at their disposal by which to measure fruit? What are some ways to spot a fake product in other areas of life?

 Application: How have you examined the fruit (doctrine and life) of teachers who you accept? How does it measure up against God's Word?


3. Build on God's Word (Matt. 7:24-29)


 What was the theme of the parable of the wise and foolish builder? What was the meaning of this parable?


 Read John 8:31-32. What did Jesus say about His word? How is this connected to building one's life on the rock of Christ's Word?

 Application: How do you seek to cling to Christ by clinging to His Word? What habits and commitments do you have that show your love and esteem for the Scriptures?

Conclusion

 What are some safeguards that you have up for yourself and your family against the influence of false teachers? If you don't have these things in place, how might you seek to be on guard in the future?

 How might you evaluate the teaching of others by assessing the fruit of their lives? How do you need to assess the fruit of your own life? Why is this an equally important practice?

 Who is God calling you to share the truth of the gospel with, so that they might build their life on the rock of Christ and not the sinking sand of any other foundation?
