

**MATTHEW: THE KING
AND HIS KINGDOM**

The Discerning Disciple: Two Kinds of Leaders

Matthew 7:15-20



Additional Scripture References

- Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19
- 2 Peter 1:19-21
- Matthew 7:13-14
- Acts 20:29-31
- 2 Timothy 4:3-4
- 1 John 4:1-3
- 2 Peter 2:1-3, 13-14, 18-19



- Because of the role of the prophet, there is real danger in the words and work of a false prophet
- Primary indicator of a false prophet: false teaching
- Another indicator of a false prophet: false character



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Never look to gather grapes from thorns,
nor figs from thistles; it is not in their
nature to produce such fruits. An apple
may be stuck, or a bunch of grapes may
hang, upon a thorn, so may a good truth,
a good word or action, be found in a



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bad man, but you may be sure it never
grew there.



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You Can Recognize a False Prophet by His Teaching



You Can Recognize a False
Prophet by His Character



Spiritual fakery is one of the chief tools of the enemy. It is one of the key ingredients of spiritual blindness. This is why we read the warning in Matthew 7:15: “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous



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wolves.” The kingdom of self is very skilled at wearing the clothing of the kingdom of God.



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