

## Learning from the Sermon on the Mount #38

### “Is Your Life Navi Trustworthy?”

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**Navi Story:** U-turn on the highway

**Review:** Choose Your Road and Gate Rightly and Wisely

**How Do We Choose?** We seek guidance from trusted guides. We must discern rightly whom to follow.

- **Visitors to Los Angeles**

**Jesus' Warning (False Guides):**

**Matthew 7:15-20 NIV**

<sup>15</sup>“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. <sup>16</sup>By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

**Two Mixed Metaphors**

- **Wolf in Sheep's Clothing (Meaning)**
- **Fruit Borne**

**Ferocious Wolves:**

- **Types**

**2 Peter 2:1-3 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup>But there were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will cleverly teach destructive heresies and even deny the Master who bought them. In this way, they will bring sudden destruction on themselves. <sup>2</sup>Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of these teachers, the way of truth will be slandered. <sup>3</sup>In their greed they will make up clever lies to get hold of your money. But God condemned them long ago, and their destruction will not be delayed.

**2 Timothy 4:3-4 (NLT)**

<sup>3</sup>For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup>They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

- **Characteristics:**
  - **Want Power and Use It**
  - **Act Selfishly**
  - **Manipulate People and Situations**
  - **Refuse Correction and Blame-shift**

## **Pulling Weeds as a Child**

### **Fruit Borne**

- **Discerning the Fruit (Discerning) Different than Judging**
  - **Fruit of Character**  
**Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)**  
<sup>22</sup> But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!
  
  - **Fruit of Teaching**  
**Romans 16:17-18 (NLT)**  
“<sup>17</sup> And now I make one more appeal, my dear brothers and sisters. Watch out for people who cause divisions and upset people’s faith by teaching things contrary to what you have been taught. Stay away from them. <sup>18</sup> Such people are not serving Christ our Lord; they are serving their own personal interests. By smooth talk and glowing words they deceive innocent people.”  
  
**Jude 1:4 (NLT)**  
I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God’s marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.
  
  - **Fruit of Influence**  
**2 Peter 2:2 (NLT)**  
Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of these teachers, the way of truth will be slandered.

### **Conclusion:**

#### **How to Determine Counterfeits—Interact with the Authentic**

##### **Acts 17:11 (NLT)**

“And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul’s message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth.”

- Ask those whom you can trust for input regarding doubts and questions, pray to God, seek the assistance of the Holy Spirit, and study the Bible yourself.